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TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE

FOR THE

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1885-6.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors.

LEVI S. GOULD.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOHN K. CURRIER.

Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

Collector.

M. F. EASTMAN.

Assessors.

GEORGE C. STANTIAL.

GEORGE F. BOARDMAN.

GILBERT N. HARRIS.

Water Commissioners.

WINGATE P. SARGENT, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1887.

WILBUR D. FISKE . . . " " 1886.

JOHN R. JONES . . . " " 1888.

Superintendent of Water Works and Clerk of Board of Water
Commissioners.

ADDISON LANE.

Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DANIEL RUSSELL, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1887.

ROYAL P. BARRY . . . " " 1888.

JOHN W. FARWELL . . . " " 1886.

School Committee.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1886.

MRS. MARTHA A. ADAMS . . . " " 1886.

MRS. SARAH W. BRADBURY . . . " " 1887.

MRS. A. K. MILLER . . . " " 1888.

THOMAS W. RIPLEY . . . " " 1887.

S. ROBERTSON WINCHELL . . . " " 1888.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1885-6.

Auditors.

JOHN R. NORTON.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

WALTER I. NICKERSON.

Constables.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

Registrars of Voters.

ALFRED HOCKING, *Chairman* . . . Term expires May 1, 1887.

WALTER BABB . . . " " " 1886.

JOHN B. SOUTHER . . . " " " 1888.

JOHN LARRABEE, *Town Clerk* . . .

Representative in the General Court.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

A. WILBUR LYNDE, *Chief*.

WALTER B. ELLIS.

JOHN SINGER, JR., *Clerk*.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.

SETH E. BENSON.

M. F. EASTMAN.

Surveyor of Lumber.

HENRY A. LEONARD.

Committee on Cemeteries.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

JOHN LARRABEE

Fence Viewers.

DEXTER PRATT.

JOSEPH S. EASTMAN.

Field Drivers.

OTIS HOWARD.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

Police Officers.

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN, *Chief*.

A. WILBUR LYNDE.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

OSBORNE E. DROWN.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

CHARLES H. FULLER.

R. M. RAND.

HENRY OSBORNE.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Melrose:

We respectfully submit our report for the financial year ending December 31, 1885.

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS, CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

The highways have been kept in as good condition as the amount placed at our disposal would, with the most careful and economical management, admit. During the summer several severe rainfalls, partaking almost of the nature of a deluge, occasioned great damage and expense, especially on the hillsides. We think it would prove a matter of economy in the end to appropriate a sum sufficient to concrete gutters on both sides of the streets of each prominent hill in town, thus remedying in part the wash-outs that are sure to occur during heavy rains. Many concrete walks are old, worn and cracked, and should be repaired during the coming summer. The system for laying new concrete walks, so successful and satisfactory heretofore, should be continued, the town paying one half and the abutters the remainder. Many streets have minor defects, not in any sense dangerous, yet they cause disparaging comment when placed in comparison with the smoothly graded tracks of some neighboring communities, where money is expended with a liberal hand, the best quality of gravel obtainable, or perhaps the macadamizing process in vogue. To raise our streets to the highest standard consistent with the financial condition of the town, should be our constant aim. When we consider that our mileage, now large, through the acceptance of new streets is constantly increasing, and the appropriation remains about

the same or even less than in some years of former times, it is not strange that your board of selectmen find it difficult to accomplish all they or the public may desire, with the funds at their command. For the improvement of our highways, sidewalks, crossings and gutters we think it wise to recommend an outlay that shall be liberal, yet not extravagant ; economical, yet not parsimonious.

DRAINAGE.

The matter of drainage should receive serious consideration, several places needing attention. In the vicinity of the Melrose station, the land is so near a dead level, notably opposite Mr. Deering's lumber yard, that surface water collects, and there remains in pools and puddles until evaporated. This should be remedied by a drain-pipe sewer, if it cannot be disposed of in any other less expensive way.

PARKER STREET AND FOSTER STREET EXTENSION.

These streets were accepted by the town at a meeting held November 10, after being duly reported by the selectmen.

WASHINGTON STREET.

Some six years ago the county commissioners widened and straightened this county way from the Malden to Stoneham line. With the exception of a short distance adjoining the Fells rubber factory, and also opposite the estate of Hon. Daniel Russell, corner of Trenton street, nothing of consequence had been accomplished by our predecessors. This board having received orders from the county commissioners to proceed with the work, and it being apparent that their honorable body could not be longer kept at bay with promises unperformed, the town authorized the treasurer, at a meeting held October 5, to borrow the sum of two hundred dollars to be applied to this street. This sum we expended, just at commencement of winter, on a bad section opposite the

estate of William Cook, Esq., making as great an improvement as possible with so small an amount. To carry out the plans of the county commissioners will involve an expenditure variously estimated from twelve to eighteen hundred dollars. At certain seasons, mainly in the spring of the year, portions of this road are in bad condition and ought to receive special repairs, exclusive of the widening and straightening, as ordered by the commissioners, which order cannot be indefinitely delayed.

ORRIS AND WARREN STREETS.

At an adjourned meeting held November 12, 1884, the town voted to accept both these streets "when the several parties owning land upon the same shall release all claims for damages to the town." The abutters having complied with your requirements as above expressed, petitions were presented to this board to put the streets in proper repair. To render them *even safe* for public travel necessitated a larger outlay than remained at our command, whereupon the town instructed us at a meeting held October 5 to expend the sum of eight hundred dollars thereon. They have both been well and thoroughly built to grade, and a most substantial culvert built for the brook running under Warren street, which must last for generations.

TREMONT STREET SIDEWALK.

We were instructed by the town to build a sidewalk on Tremont street, from Melrose street south. This has been constructed of plank and gravel, in as good and substantial a manner as the appropriation would warrant.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, CORNER MAIN AND UPHAM STREETS.

Agreeable to your vote, we have caused to be cut upon the stone drinking fountain the following inscription, viz., "Erected A.D. 1884."

STREET LIGHTS.

Five new posts and lanterns have been placed by the selectmen, on petition of citizens, in various parts of the town. Six new posts and lanterns, presented by various individuals, have been accepted in behalf of the town, and lighted in accordance with usual custom. The number of kerosene lamps now lighted are 132 ; gas, 29 : total, 161.

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES.

In company with the selectmen of Stoneham and Saugus, we have perambulated the lines between Melrose and these towns, finding all monuments in proper position and in good condition.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

(J. K. Currier, Chairman.)

Judging from the number of complaints made to the board of health during the past year for abatement of nuisances, &c., we are of the opinion that the fear of cholera caused our citizens to be more particular as regards their sanitary condition than heretofore. Fortunately we have been spared a visit of that or any other epidemic. The most prevalent contagious disease reported to the board has been scarlet fever, with isolated cases of diphtheria. Fumigation has been resorted to by an officer appointed for that purpose whenever a contagious disease has been reported to this board, unless previously attended to by occupants of the premises. While there are two or three places in which nuisances now exist, needing special attention as soon as the weather permits, still we think as a whole the town has reason to congratulate itself upon its sanitary condition and the general condition of the public health during the past year.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

(H. G. Fields, Chairman.)

One hundred and nineteen persons, including children, have been more or less aided within the year, sixty-seven of whom have their legal settlements in Melrose. Of this number twenty have received full support during the whole or a part of the year; namely, ten sane persons, eight insane and two idiotic.

Of those who were foreign born, thirteen are from England and the British Provinces, and nineteen from Ireland.

Fifty-two persons have received aid who were chargeable to the state, or to towns within the state, for whom we have been or are to be reimbursed, as may be seen by reference to the financial table of this department.

Two truants have been sentenced to the Lowell Reformatory Institution for Boys, who are chargeable to the town.

Two persons on the full support list of poor have died within the year.

There have been seventy-seven tramps lodged in the lock-up within the year.

VASE ON TOWN HALL LOT.

To the Melrose Improvement Society we are indebted for the beautiful vase adorning the Essex-street entrance to the town hall. Great credit is due this society for the public spirit shown by them, not only in this appropriate gift, but in planting trees and otherwise embellishing the streets and parks of our town.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

At the March meeting a committee consisting of A. W. Lynde, chief engineer, Levi S. Gould, chairman of the board of selectmen, Walter Babb, Daniel Norton and William F. Morse, were appointed to purchase a steam fire engine,

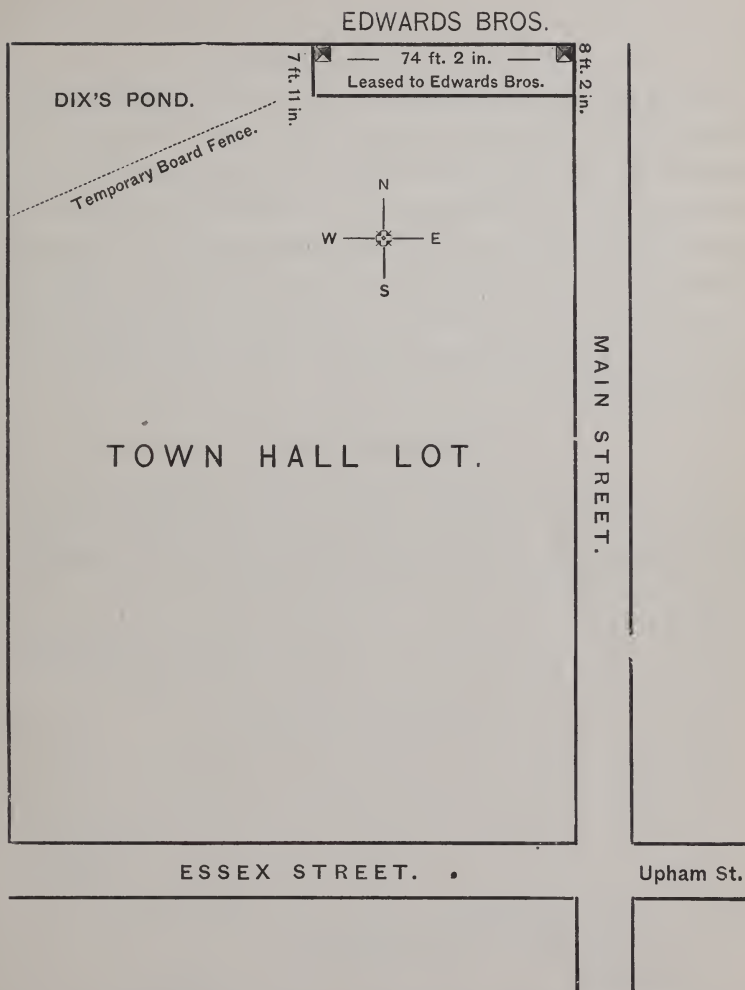
and the sum of \$3500 appropriated for that purpose. This committee visited Pawtucket to inspect a machine offered for sale in that city, and also attended trials of other engines, incurring an outlay for travelling expenses of \$15.25. At a meeting held June 2, the committee were instructed by your vote to indefinitely postpone further action; consequently there now remains in the treasury an unexpended balance of \$3484.75 applicable to above appropriation.

TOWN HALL.

As custodians of the town hall, we have found it necessary to make some repairs absolutely required for the preservation of the property, the expenses of which will appear under their appropriate head. Other repairs and improvements deemed essential will be reported at the annual meeting by a committee you have specially appointed for that purpose.

LEASE OF PASSAGE-WAY TO EDWARDS BROTHERS.

In furtherance of your vote passed November 10, we have made a *verbal* lease with John and Joseph Edwards, for the term of *one year only*, for a nominal rental of ten dollars, of the passage-way between the northeast corner of the town hall lot and the building occupied by Edwards Brothers. Said passage-way is *not an open way*, but is a portion of the town hall lot, and is leased simply to accommodate said Edwards Brothers in gaining admission to the rear of their building. They are tenants at the will of the town. Commencing on the *north side* of the stone boundary post at the northeast corner of the town hall lot, the passage-way is 8 feet 2 inches wide, running southerly on Main street, thence running westerly 74 feet 2 inches, from which point it is 7 feet 11 inches wide, to the north side of a stone boundary post standing at the northwest end of said passage-way as indicated on the plan herewith :



It being understood that nothing but this passage-way is leased to said Edwards Brothers, and that the line of the town hall lot extends in a direct course westerly from the stone bound on Main street to the other stone bound at end of the passage-way, and thence to the middle of Dix's pond, so called. The new board fence is not an indication of the bounds of the town lot, but is placed in its present situation as a matter of convenience only.

BOARD FENCE ON TOWN HALL LOT.

At the meeting of October 5 you directed the selectmen to build a suitable fence on the rear of the town hall lot adjacent to Dix's pond, and also on a portion of the north-east end on the Main-street line. A durable structure has been placed in position, which is *not upon the line of the town lot*, as that runs to the middle of Dix's pond, but is built as near to the water as convenient, and also near enough to the line of Edwards Brothers' shop to allow the passage-way heretofore noted.

MEMORIAL DAY.

We append a statement received from Commander E. C. Gould, of U. S. Grant Post No. 4, G.A.R., concerning the expenditure of the amount raised at the last annual meeting.

Memorial Day Committee, U. S. Grant Post No. 4, G.A.R.

To balance remaining on hand, appropriation of		
1884		\$16 77
To cash received from George Newhall, treasurer		
of 1885		200 00
		<hr/>
		\$216 77
Paid C. Casey for flowers . . .	\$28 00	
" C. H. Hart & Co. for flags and		
printing	3 78	
" cemetery committee for clearing		
up graves and setting out		
flowers for season of 1885 .	5 00	
Balance on hand	179 99	\$216 77
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Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. GOULD,
Chairman Memorial Day Committee.

HALL FOR POST 4, G.A.R.

At the town meeting held November 10 a motion was introduced by unanimous consent, and passed by a unanimous vote, resolving that it is the sense of the town that the selectmen finish a hall and other apartments in the town hall building, in a suitable manner, as per plans submitted, and when finished, present a lease to U. S. Grant Post 4, G.A.R., of Melrose, for a term of five years, at a nominal rental of one dollar per annum. The selectmen doubting the legality of action under this vote, await instructions through an article in the warrant of the annual meeting.

DAMAGES CLAIMED AND LIABILITY AVERTED.

Three claims for damages have been made against the town. Two were disallowed after investigation, and we think both have been abandoned. The third was paid under a compromise of \$20.

MYSTIC VALLEY SEWER.

A report made to the Legislature of 1886 by the Massachusetts Drainage Commission, in so far as it relates to the main sewerage system proposed for the Mystic river basin, is a document of vital importance to the citizens of this town, all of whom must be aware that a general system of sewers is a question that must confront us at no distant day. The special features of the report contemplates a main sewer from a point in West Medford near the Arlington line, running through the Mystic valley, *via* Medford centre, Malden and a portion of Saugus to a pumping station and filtrating basin of say 500 to 1000 acres near the Franklin trotting park, whence the affluent flows or is pumped at certain stages of the tide into the Pines river, and thus sent to the open sea. At various points on the main line branches are received from Arlington, Belmont, Stoneham, Woburn,

Winchester, Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Melrose. Quoting from section 112 of report: "The Melrose branch of the Mystic valley system is intended to start at junction of Waverly place and Wyoming avenue, this being the point to which the sewerage of the town would naturally gravitate. The sewer is to be a 15-inch pipe with an inclination of 1 in 1000. Its capacity when flowing full is $1\frac{1}{3}$ million gallons per day, an ample provision for the present or any probable increase of sewage in the future. The sewer follows Waverly place and a proposed extension of it to Linden avenue, Malden. It continues in Linden avenue to Pleasant street. A few hundred feet before reaching Pleasant street the ground drops off rapidly, and the sewer falls correspondingly, at the rate of 1 in 30, for a distance of about 800 feet, to a point in Middlesex avenue just north of the river. The sewer passes under the river, and continues in Middlesex avenue, with an inclination of 1 in 500, to a connection with the main sewer at Charles street. This branch enters the main sewer about 3 feet above its bottom."

Thirteen towns and municipalities, with a population of 102,074, are to be benefited by the construction of the main sewer, and the cost is apportioned upon the basis of population in each place.

The approximate cost of this system complete is \$1,520,000. The proportion assessed upon Melrose, \$90,851, is based upon a population of 6101 as per census of 1885. The annual charge for maintenance, \$1195.41, interest on cost of construction, at say 3 per cent, \$2725.53, making a total annual cost to this town of say \$3920.94 for our proportion of interest and expenses of the main line and our branch to the corner of Waverly place and Wyoming avenue only. Should this project be carried out, our town would then be obliged to construct sewers through the principal streets and connect them with the Melrose branch at

our own expense in order to make the general system available.

As to the question of maintenance of the proposed system, if the special features of the commissioners' report relating to Melrose and the cost of cleaning out its "1200 privies and 600 cesspools" is correct, viz., about \$6300 annually, then we might expend some \$60,000 in addition to the main system in building sewers about the town, and the total annual expense to our community would be no more than at present. In conclusion we quote from the report: "Section 15, Melrose. — Melrose has a population of about 6100, consisting largely of well-to-do persons, occupying good houses. Most of these houses are grouped about the Boston & Maine Railroad, near the centre of the town. There is a public supply of water amounting to 180,000 gallons daily taken from Spot pond. The water is disposed of in cesspools, and, the soil being porous, the liquid contents of the cesspools leach away freely into the ground water, and probably finally flow away into Malden river or its tributaries. It is estimated that there are about 1200 privies in the town, and about 600 cesspools. These are cleaned once a year, at an average cost of \$3.50 each, or a total annual cost of \$6300. The upper portion of Malden river runs through the town, and the stream in places is made a dumping place for rubbish of various kinds. The privies from eleven estates were observed to overflow into the stream. That at Wyoming depot is directly over the river [the Board of Health ordered these nuisances abated so far as we knew of them during the last summer — Selectmen]. The stream is therefore somewhat polluted by sewage, but not sufficiently so to make it offensive. One small tannery on Grove street, employing nine men, drains its manufacturing refuse and sewage from its privies directly into the stream, which is discolored several hundred feet below this point. A large shoe shop employs eighty hands, and drains

into a cesspool on its own estate. So far as could be learned, there is no disposition on the part of the town to build sewers. The increase in population during the last five years was about 37 per cent; should this rate be maintained in the future, there is little doubt that the need of some disposition of domestic filth, other than storing it in the soil about habitations, will be felt."

GRANT MEMORIAL SERVICE.

In deference to a spontaneous public sentiment, the selectmen, in connection with a committee of citizens specially appointed for the purpose, took general charge of the memorial exercises held on the day of the funeral of our illustrious General and Ex-President U. S. Grant. By common consent, the services partook of the nature of a public tribute of grateful respect to the memory of the lamented dead.

To those citizens who by advice and assistance in decorating the town hall, and to those who in other ways contributed so much to the success and solemnity of the occasion, the community is especially indebted.

PUBLIC OBSERVANCE OF THE DEATH OF VICE-PRESIDENT HENDRICKS.

By order of the board of selectmen the flag was placed at half mast on the town hall for several days previous to the funeral of the lamented vice-president of the United States, Thomas A. Hendricks, and during the continuance of the obsequies the bells of the town were tolled as a testimonial of respect to the memory of the distinguished dead.

CONTINGENT FUND.

The only appropriation over which the selectmen *have full control*, and which is overdrawn, is the contingent fund,

\$102.53, caused by the expenses attending the Grant memorial services, which amounted to \$160.67.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Following your instructions, the prudential committee appointed at the November meeting, in company with the selectmen, have examined the streets, and considered other matters bearing upon appropriations for the year 1886. Their report will be presented to the annual meeting.

Thanking our fellow citizens for their courteous and generous consideration during the past year,

We are, respectfully,

LEVI S. GOULD,
HENRY G. FIELDS,
JOHN K. CURRIER,

Selectmen of Melrose.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Annual Meeting, March 2, 1885, 7 A.M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a moderator.

Levi S. Gould chosen.

ART. 2. To bring in votes on one ballot for selectmen, clerk, treasurer, collector, assessors, and other officers.

To bring in votes, upon a separate ballot, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be "Yes" or "No."

Voted, That the officers elected by ballot this day shall consist of three selectmen, who shall also be overseers of the poor and highway surveyors, one clerk, one treasurer, one tax collector, three assessors, two water commissioners, one for three years, one for two years, one water loan sinking fund commissioner for three years, five library trustees, three auditors, three constables, and two school committee for three years.

Polls opened.

Voted, That the polls be closed at 5.15 P.M.

Voted, That the transaction of town business, other than voting, be postponed to 7.30 P.M.

Tellers appointed and sworn: G. E. Orcutt, Edward E. Babb, Robert S. Webster.

Polls closed at 5.15 P.M. A partial declaration of the vote by the moderator.

By request, additional tellers were appointed to assist in recounting the ballots, all being duly sworn; viz., Henry

P. Holden, Alfred D. Hocking, George C. Stantial, C. J. Barton, A. B. Pierce.

Adjourned to 7.30 P.M.

Adjourned Meeting, March 2, 1885, 7.30 P.M.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal — Seth E. Benson, M. F. Eastman. *Surveyor of Lumber* — Henry A. Leonard. *Committee on Cemeteries* — George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. *Field Drivers* — Otis Howard, H. B. Newhall, Frank Gibbons, W. Truman Howard. *Fence Viewers* — Dexter Pratt, Joseph S. Eastman. *Pound Keeper* — W. Truman Howard.

ART. 4. To authorize the town treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the town, with the approval of the selectmen.

Voted, unanimously, that the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money, to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans; also to hire money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, to meet expenses, and issue notes of the town therefor.

ART. 5. To hear and act upon the report of the finance committee appointed at meeting held November 12, 1884.

Report read and accepted.

ART. 6. To raise money for schools.

Voted, To raise sixteen thousand dollars.

ART. 7. To raise money for school contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

ART. 8. To raise money for highways.

Voted, To raise three thousand five hundred dollars.

ART. 9. To raise money for sidewalks.

Voted, To raise nine hundred dollars.

ART. 10. To raise money for crossings and gutters.

Voted, To raise one hundred and fifty dollars.

ART. 11. To raise money for the support of the poor,

Voted, To raise four thousand dollars.

ART. 12. To raise money for the fire department.

Voted, To raise two thousand seven hundred dollars, four hundred dollars of the amount raised to be expended for new hose.

ART. 13. To raise money for the lighting and care of street lamps.

Voted, To raise one thousand seven hundred dollars.

ART. 14. To raise money for additional street lamps.

Voted, To raise seventy-five dollars.

ART. 15. To raise money for police and watchmen.

Voted, To raise twelve hundred dollars.

ART. 16. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise nine hundred and fifty dollars.

ART. 17. To raise money to pay interest on the town debt.

Voted, To raise six thousand dollars.

ART. 18. To raise money for the reduction of the town debt.

Voted, To raise five thousand dollars.

ART. 19. To raise money for the public library.

Voted, To raise seven hundred and fifty dollars for the public library and reading-room, and that the dog tax when received be appropriated for the same purpose.

ART. 20. To raise money for water; viz., to pay cost of constructing works for the past year, and for the use of the water, in hydrants, public buildings, &c.

Voted, To raise, to pay cost of constructing works for past year, three thousand seven hundred fifty-four and fifty one-hundredths dollars. For the use of the water for the current year, two thousand dollars.

ART. 21. To raise money for salaries of town officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the town.

Voted, To raise nineteen hundred dollars, and that the officers be paid the same salaries as last year.

ART. 22. To raise money for drainage, bridges and culverts.

Voted, To raise three hundred dollars.

ART. 23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses of the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise three thousand four hundred and twenty four and thirteen hundredths dollars for deficiencies in accounts for past year ; viz., insurance, \$743.75, fire department, \$210.71, town hall, \$274.17, military aid, \$195.50, school contingent for books, &c., \$2000 : total, \$3424.13.

ART. 29. To see if the town will purchase a steam fire engine and appropriate money for the same on petition of A. W. Lynde and others.

Voted, That three thousand five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a steam fire engine ; that a committee, consisting of the chief engineer of the fire department, the chairman of the board of selectmen and three citizens, be appointed to purchase the same. Citizens appointed : Daniel Norton, Walter Babb, William F. Morse.

ART. 24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all single poll taxes be made payable on or before July 1, 1885 ; that all other taxes be made payable on or before October 1, 1885, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date at the rate of six per centum per annum ; that all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1886, be sold by the collector in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 25. To see if the town will appropriate money for

keeping in repair and decorating the graves of soldiers on Memorial day.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars, said sum to be placed in the hands of the Memorial day committee of Post 4, G.A.R.

ART. 26. To see what action will be taken in reference to the school building and lot on Franklin street, west of the Highlands depot.

Indefinitely postponed.

ART. 27. To see if the town will build a schoolhouse at the Fells, on lot of land presented by Hon. E. S. Converse, and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for the building of a schoolhouse at the Fells; that a committee be appointed to build the same, and that the town treasurer be authorized to borrow said amount. Committee appointed: John K. Robson, Royal P. Barry, John W. Farwell, George H. Dearborn, Daniel Norton.

ART. 28. To see if the town will build a plank sidewalk on Tremont street, between Emerson and Melrose streets, and appropriate money for the same, on the petition of F. W. Hunt and others.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for the building of a sidewalk; that the selectmen have charge of the same, to be built on said street wherever in their judgment it may be necessary.

ART. 30. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments.

Selectmen's report on guide boards accepted.

Voted, That a committee of two be appointed to act with the water commissioners in the matter of revising the water

rates, and to prepare by-laws for the government of the water commissioners, and report the same to the next town meeting. Committee appointed: Nathan D. Blake, John B. Souther.

Report of committee on new water main received and accepted; committee, by their own request, discharged.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to confer with the executor of the will of Sally Upham concerning a lot of land mentioned in said will, that they ascertain the value of the same, and report the proper action for the town in the premises at the next meeting.

Committee appointed: Artemas Barrett, H. H. Westgate, Daniel Norton, F. S. Hesseltine.

Voted, That the committee appointed to revise the water rates and prepare by-laws be requested to consider the matter of refunding a proportion of the sums paid for water, in cases where the water ceases to flow, proper notice being given, &c.

Voted, That the selectmen be authorized to put upon the new drinking fountain the inscription, "Erected A.D. 1884."

OFFICERS DECLARED ELECTED UNDER ARTICLE 2.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors—Levi S. Gould, Henry G. Fields, John K. Currier. *Town Clerk*—John Larrabee. *Treasurer*—George Newhall. *Collector of Taxes*—M. F. Eastman. *Assessors*—George C. Stantial, George F. Boardman, Gilbert N. Harris. *Water Commissioner for Three Years*—John R. Jones. *Water Commissioner for Two Years*—Wingate P. Sargent. *School Committee for Three Years*—S. Robertson Winchell, Arethusa K. Miller. *Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for Three Years*—Royal P. Barry. *Trustees of the Public Library*—Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Thomas B. Peck, Hannah Lynde, Ruby F. Farwell. *Constables*—Ansel B. Pierce, Frank M. McLaughlin, Henry B.

Newhall. *Auditors* — John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Walter I. Nickerson.

LICENSE QUESTION.

"Yes," nineteen votes ; "No," four hundred and twenty-five votes.

Voted to adjourn *sine die*.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1885.

March 2.

Schools, support of	\$16,000 00
School, contingent expenses	3,250 00
Highways	3,500 00
Crossings and gutters	150 00
Sidewalks	900 00
Poor, support of	4,000 00
Fire Department :	
Expenses, \$2300 ; new hose, \$400	2,700 00
Street lights, lighting and care of	1,700 00
Additional street lamps	75 00
Police and watchmen	1,200 00
Contingent expenses	950 00
Interest on town debt	6,000 00
Reduction of "	5,000 00
Public Library and reading-room, dog tax and	750 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
" construction, 1884	3,754 51
Salaries, town officers	1,900 00
Drainage, bridges and culverts	300 00
Deficiencies in accounts, 1884	3,424 13
Steam fire engine	3,500 00
Memorial Day	200 00
Sidewalk, Tremont street	500 00
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	\$61,753 64

Unexpended balances from last year to be added. Treasurer authorized to borrow five thousand dollars for the building of schoolhouse at the Fells.

Treasurer also authorized to borrow —

May 19.

For the purpose of paying the expenses of water committee, investigation, &c. \$300 00

October 5.

For the building of Orris and Warren streets . 600 00

For repairs on Washington street . . . 200 00

BONDS.

October 5.

Treasurer authorized to issue additional water bonds (High Service) to the amount of . . . \$37,000 00

Meeting, April 14, 1885, 7.30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

Levi S. Gould unanimously chosen.

ART. 2. To see if the town will adopt the high service system, so called, in connection with the Melrose water works, and pass any vote or votes connected therewith that may be deemed necessary, on petition of Nathan D. Blake and 127 others.

Voted, That Messrs. J. D. Wilde, J. W. Farwell, Royal P. Barry, John B. Souther and N. D. Blake be a committee to confer with our board of water commissioners, make full investigation and report the best method or system by which a full and ample supply of water can be furnished to the inhabitants of this town and the probable cost of the same, having power also to confer with the Wakefield Water Company of Wakefield or any other water company in our vicinity having an excess of water supply.

ART. 3. To see if the town will instruct the committee

appointed at the last town meeting to indefinitely postpone the purchase of a steam fire engine on petition of N. D. Blake and 127 others, legal voters.

Voted, That the committee on the purchase of a steam fire engine be instructed to postpone the purchase of an engine until after the adjournment of this meeting; that they also be instructed to fully consider the matter of purchase, ascertain the cost of an engine and the probable expense of keeping and maintaining the same, and report to the town as to the necessity of an engine if we have the high service system.

Voted, To adjourn to Tuesday, May 19, next, at 7.30 P.M.

Adjourned Meeting, May 19, 1885, 7.30 P.M.

Report of committee appointed at meeting held April 14, 1885, under article 2 of the warrant, read and accepted.

Report of committee appointed at the annual meeting to purchase a steam fire engine, read and accepted.

Special report of the board of water commissioners on the improvement of the water supply, read and accepted.

ART. 2.

Voted, That Wingate P. Sargent, Wilbur D. Fisk, John R. Jones, John W. Farwell, Nathan D. Blake, John B. Souther, Artemus Barrett, A. V. Lynde and W. F. Sherman be a committee to make full and thorough investigation and report to the town the best system or method for supplying the town with high water service and the cost of the same, and for that purpose they are authorized to employ such skilful and competent engineer or engineers as they may deem proper, and confer with contractors so as to ascertain, as nearly as possible, the actual cost of providing the high water service by the system or method which they shall recommend; they are also authorized and instructed to make

such tests of the present water pipes as will determine whether or not they will sustain the pressure of the high water which they shall recommend.

Voted, That the said committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars in pursuance of their investigation as stated, and that the town treasurer be authorized to borrow the same.

Voted, That the committee on the purchase of a steam fire engine be instructed to postpone the purchase of an engine until after the final adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the question of letting the upper floor of the town hall building at a nominal rent to U. S. Grant Post 4, G. A. R., of this town, the same to be finished by them as a memorial hall, or to recommend such plan for finishing and letting as they may think best to some subsequent meeting. Committee appointed, F. S. Hesselstine, Edwin C. Gould and Samuel S. Bugbee.

Voted, To adjourn to Tuesday, June 2, 1885, at 7.30 P.M.

Adjourned Meeting, June 2, 1885, 7.30 P.M.

ART. 4.

Report of committee appointed at meeting held March 2, 1885, to confer with the executor of the will of Sally Upham concerning a lot of land mentioned in said will, submitted and accepted.

Voted, That it is the sense of the town that the executor sell the land to Mr. George F. Boardman for the sum of \$400 and pay one half of the amount into the town treasury; that the town accept the trust and carry out the instructions of the will concerning the care of lot in cemetery.

ART. 2.

Report of the committee appointed May 19, to make in-

vestigation and report to the town the best system or method for supplying high water service, read and accepted.

Dissenting report from A. V. Lynde, Esq., a member of said committee, read and accepted.

Voted, That Wingate P. Sargent, Wilbur D. Fiske, John R. Jones, Nathan D. Blake and William F. Sherman be a committee with full power and authority to contract for and cause to be made a suitable reservoir, and such other enlargements, extensions and improvements of our present water service as will give to the inhabitants of the town a full supply of water, provided the same can be done at an expense not exceeding \$37,000; and provided further, that the legislature shall have first authorized the issue by the Town of Melrose of additional water fund bonds to the amount of \$37,000 for the payment of the expenses of such reservoir, extensions and improvements.

The above vote was taken by check list, "Yes" and "No" ballots being used, and was as follows: affirmative, 200; negative, 49.

Voted, unanimously, that the committee appointed at this meeting to contract for the enlargement and improvement of the town's system of water service are hereby instructed to petition the present legislature for a grant of authority to this town to issue its water fund bonds to an amount not exceeding \$37,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the proposed extension, enlargement and improvement of such water service.

ART. 3.

Voted, That the committee appointed at the annual meeting to purchase a steam fire engine be instructed to postpone indefinitely the purchase of such engine.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

Meeting, October 5, 1885, 7.30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

Chose Levi S. Gould by unanimous vote.

ART. 2. To see if the town will authorize the issue of the bonds contemplated in the vote passed at the last town meeting to complete the "high service" system; designate the denomination, length of time and interest thereon, and pass any other vote or votes that may be deemed necessary to carry out the will of the town agreeable to petition of Wingate P. Sargent and others.

Voted, That we hereby accept the act entitled "An act to authorize the town of Melrose to make an additional water loan," approved June 18, 1885; and we hereby authorize and direct the issue of thirty-seven bonds, each of the denomination of one thousand (\$1000) dollars, bearing on its face the words "Melrose Water Loan, Act of 1885," payable in twenty years from the date of issue, bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum; and the treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to sign said bonds, and the board of water commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to countersign the same; and the treasurer is hereby authorized to sell or dispose of said securities at public or private sale on such terms and conditions as he may deem proper, and the proceeds of said bond shall be applied by the treasurer in payment of bills incurred and approved by the committee, authorized by vote of the town on the second day of June, 1885, to contract for and cause to be made, a suitable reservoir, and such other enlargements, extensions and improvements of our present water service as will give to the inhabitants of the town a full supply of water.

The above vote was taken by check list, "Yes" and "No" ballots being used, and was as follows: affirmative, 95; negative, 9; total, 104.

ART. 3. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow a sum of money sufficient to put in repair Warren and Orris streets and a portion of Washington street; the former on petition of William C. Bliss and others, and the latter in conformity with the orders of the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of two hundred dollars, said sum to be expended for repairs on Washington street, under the direction of the selectmen.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of eight hundred dollars, of which amount six hundred dollars shall be expended for the purpose of building and grading Warren and Orris streets, and the balance to be added to the highway appropriation to replace the amount which has been expended on said streets during the present year.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the reports of committees, and transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

The committee appointed to consider the question of letting the upper floor of the town hall building to U. S. Grant Post 4, G.A.R., for a memorial hall, reported.

Voted, To accept the report.

Voted, unanimously, to adopt the recommendations of the committee as submitted, and that the selectmen be authorized and directed to execute a lease for the purposes mentioned to said Post 4, G.A.R., for the term of five years from this date, at a rental of one dollar per annum.

Voted, That the selectmen be requested to clear the rear portion of the town hall lot of all rubbish, obstructions, &c., and have the same properly enclosed with a fence.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

Meeting, November 3, 1885, 7 A.M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in their votes to the selectmen for state and county officers.

Also to bring in their votes, by ballot, for or against the the following article of amendment to the constitution :

"The general court shall have full power and authority to provide for the inhabitants of the towns in this commonwealth more than one place of public meeting within the limits of each town for the election of officers under the constitution, and to prescribe the manner of calling, holding and conducting such meetings. All the provisions of the existing constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled."

The form of said ballot to be "amendment to the constitution, Yes" or "No."

The polls to be kept open until 4.30 P.M.

Polls opened promptly.

Royal B. Leighton and William A. Waterhouse were appointed as tellers to assist the selectmen in assorting and counting the votes, and were duly sworn.

ART. 2. To choose a moderator to preside for the transaction of town business.

Levi S. Gould unanimously chosen.

Voted, To postpone the transaction of town business until Tuesday evening, November 10, at 7.30 o'clock, and that when this meeting adjourns, it to be to meet at that date and time.

Voted, That the polls be kept open until 4.34 P.M.

Polls closed at 4.34 P.M. The result of the voting was declared in open town meeting as follows : total number of ballots cast 869.

For Governor.

	Votes.
George D. Robinson of Chicopee .	588
Frederick O. Prince of Boston .	250

Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton . . .	23
James Sumner of Milton . . .	3
John W. Farwell of Melrose . . .	1

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton . . .	590
Henry H. Gilmore of Cambridge . .	254
Charles B. Knight of Worcester . .	21
William Murray of Boston . . .	1

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington . . .	591
Jeremiah Crowley of Lowell . . .	249
George Kempton of Sharon . . .	20
Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence .	1

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Alanson W. Beard of Boston . . .	579
Henry M. Cross of Newburyport . .	264
Claudius B. Travis of Natick . . .	20
Walter Harmon of Boston . . .	1

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield . . .	592
James E. Delaney of Holyoke . . .	251
William W. Sherman of Lowell . . .	21
Arad H. Wood of Lunenburg . . .	1

For Attorney-General.

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence . . .	592
Henry K. Braley of Fall River . . .	250
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden . . .	21
Asa F. Hall of Hudson . . .	1

For County Treasurer.

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville . .	591
John M. Cate of Wakefield . . .	253

Ammi Cutter of Stoneham . . .	21
Edward H. Gay of Marlboro' . . .	1

For County Commissioner.

Alphonso M. Lunt of Cambridge . . .	461
Alonzo M. Lunt of Cambridge . . .	123
Alpheus R. Brown of Somerville . . .	262
Wilbur F. Brigham of Hudson . . .	20

For Special Commissioner (unexpired term).

Lyman Dike of Stoneham . . .	465
Lewis P. True of Everett . . .	252
John Hall of Watertown . . .	21
Michael Dee of Marlboro' . . .	1

For Register of Deeds. Middlesex South District.

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge . . .	844
George L. Bean of Newton . . .	21

For Register of Deeds. North District.

James K. Fellows of Lowell . . .	21
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For Councillor. Sixth District.

Abraham B. Coffin of Winchester . . .	592
Nathaniel P. H. Melvin of Lawrence . . .	213
Amos Cummings of Woburn . . .	21
H. B. Foster of North Andover . . .	1

For Councillor. Third District.

Joseph Cogan of Cambridge . . .	39
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For Senator. Sixth Middlesex District.

John M. Harlow of Woburn . . .	590
James Reid of Reading . . .	251
Richard Eddy of Melrose . . .	24

For Representative in the General Court. Ninth Middlesex District.

John Larrabee of Melrose . . . 514

John W. Farwell of Melrose . . . 321

Charles J. Barton of Melrose . . . 30

The ballot box registered as follows :— at 10.15 A.M., 500 ;
at 1.30 P.M., 700 ; at the close, 870.

Names checked on voting list, 870.

Ballots cast, 869.

Voted, To adjourn.

Adjourned Meeting, November 10, 1885, 7.30 P.M.

ART. 3.

JURY LIST AS ACCEPTED.

Ames, Benjamin.	Kennard, Oscar N.
Avery, John Q. A.	Love, Thomas S.
Bailey, Thomas T.	Lovejoy, Stephen A.
Baker, George A.	Lynde, James O.
Bennett, Francis.	McIntyre, James.
Bryant, Dexter.	Merrill, Lemuel.
Burke, George W.	Merrill, Deering P.
Church, Asa.	Messenger, C. A.
Cochran, Nelson.	Moore, Eugene H.
Collier, William S.	Norton, Daniel.
Dill, Jesse A.	Nowell, Samuel H.
Denton, Joseph.	Norris, Edward J.
Dowling, Isaac C.	Oakman, Samuel.
Eastman, Moses F.	Osborne, Henry.
Emery, Salter.	Palmer, Frank T.
Freeman, L. Thomas.	Parker, Albon W.
Gridley, Oliver L.	Prentice, Charles.
Gordon, Curtis S.	Ring, Ethan C.
Hall, George M.	Stevens, Charles T.

Hayward, Paul.	Stewart, Wm. H.
Higgins, Charles W.	Upham, Asa E.
Hill, Aaron, Jr.	White, Ira J.
Howe, F. Edward.	Wiley, Henry E.
Howes, Ephraim O.	Wood, Joseph.
Hoyt, Lewis C.	Willis, Abel.
Ireland, Thomas.	Waitt, Edward P.
Johnson, Jerome B.	Young, Lorenzo.

By unanimous consent, Hon. D. W. Gooch submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the room in the town hall building which the town voted to lease to Post 4, G.A.R., be fitted for their use at the expense of the town, under the direction of the selectmen, and when completed, that they be authorized to lease the same at a rental of one dollar per annum, for a term of five years, to said Post 4, G.A.R.

Unanimously adopted.

Voted, That D. W. Gooch, R. P. Barry, Moses Briggs, F. W. Hunt, N. P. Jones, J. P. Deering, Artemas Barrett, F. S. Hesseltine, N. D. Blake and G. F. Boardman, be a committee to examine and report at the next annual March meeting the amounts required to be raised and appropriated by the town for the next financial year.

Voted, It shall be the duty of the above committee to pass through the streets of the town with the selectmen to the end that proper appropriations may be made for the highways, sidewalks, crossings and gutters.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept a street running from Upham street to First street (now called Seventh street) as laid out by the selectmen.

Voted, To accept the street, and that hereafter it shall be known as Parker street.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept a street running

from Main street easterly to Lebanon street, the same being an extension of Foster street, as laid out by the selectmen.

Voted, To accept the street, to be called Foster street.

ART. 6. To see if the town will discontinue as a school-house the building on Franklin street, formerly used for that purpose, agreeable to petition of Francis S. Hesseltine and others.

Laid on table; afterward *Voted*, That the school committee be authorized and requested to let the unused school-house at the Highlands to the Highlands' Literary Society on such terms and conditions as they deem proper and until such time as the property may be required for town purposes.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take to improve the high school building, so as to make the same comfortable for the scholars therein, or to sell it and build a new one, and appropriate money for the same, agreeable to petition of F. S. Hesseltine and others.

Voted, That a committee of five, two of whom shall be members of the school committee, be appointed to consider the whole subject matter of school accommodations and report at the annual meeting in March next.

Committee appointed: F. S. Hesseltine, Moses S. Page, Moses Briggs, Clifton Fletcher and S. R. Winchell.

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept from S. B. Cochran, of Omaha, Neb., the sum of two hundred dollars, for the purpose of providing for the perpetual care of his lot in Wyoming Cemetery, in accordance with chapter 82, section 17, Public Statutes.

Voted, unanimously, that the town accept from S. B. Cochran the sum of two hundred dollars, the same to be held in trust, the interest accruing thereon to be expended for the care of his lot in Wyoming Cemetery, in accordance with chapter 82, section 17, Public Statutes.

ART. 9. To see if the town will sell or exchange for rear

land a small strip of land not exceeding eight feet in width, on the north side of the town hall lot adjoining the shop of Edwards Brothers, and appoint a committee with full power to make the sale or exchange and pass the necessary papers in behalf of the town, agreeable to petition of John and Joseph Edwards and others.

Voted, unanimously, that the selectmen be a committee with full power and authority to deed the portion of land, to exchange for other land or lease the same if they deem proper.

ART. 10. To hear and act upon the reports of committees and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Voted, That the assessors be a committee to settle with the collectors of taxes for years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
January	14	3	5
February	12	1	7
March	14	4	7
April	8	10	11
May	12	3	8
June	12	5	12
July	17	8	15
August	14	5	16
September	15	6	6
October	9	8	11
November	15	8	5
December	9	5	17
	<hr/> 148	<hr/> 66	<hr/> 120

BIRTHS.

Number registered	148
Males	77
Females	71
	<hr/> 148

Of the above number, 135 were born in Melrose and 13 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	86
of foreign parents	33
of American father and foreign mother	19
of foreign father and American mother	10
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INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	56
Both parties residing in Melrose	35
But one party residing in Melrose	21
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MARRIAGES.

Whole number	66
More than last year	10
Both parties American	36	
Both parties foreign	13	
Parties American and foreign	17	
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First marriage of persons	120	
Second marriage of persons	11	
Third marriage of persons	1	
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						132 — 66 couples.	

DEATHS.

Whole numbered registered	120
More than last year	40
Had residence elsewhere	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Males (married)	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Females (married)	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Widows	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Widowers	7
Males (single)	7
Females (single)	8
Male children	19
Female children	23
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Under one year (still-born or premature birth, 8)							15
From 1 to 5	17
5 " 10	6
10 " 20	5
20 " 30	10
30 " 40	14
40 " 50	9
50 " 60	7
60 " 70	9

From 70 to 80	15
80 " 90	11
Over 90	2
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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, 1885.

Males.

Total number on register, 1884	1,193
Erased previous to March 1, 1885 (deaths and removals)	26
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Registered in February	9
	<hr/> 1,176
Erased in October (deaths, removals and for non-payment of taxes)	168
	<hr/> 1,008
Registered and restored in October	137
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Total number now on register and voting lists	1,145
Number of legal voters in town, as shown by the decennial census of 1885	1,491

Females.

Total number on register, 1884 (entitled to vote for school committee)	24
Registered in October	42
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Total number now on register and voting lists	66

JURORS DRAWN DURING YEAR.

Feb. 25. John S. Sewall.
Nathaniel H. Heath.
May 19. J. Maxwell Elliott.

May 19. Curtis S. Gordon.
Levi W. Gilman.
Wendell P. Hood.
Oct. 10. John R. Jones.
Aaron Vinton.

Number of persons liable to do military duty as certified
by the assessors, 1274.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1885 — 288
males and 42 females: total, 330.

Amount paid to county treasurer, as required by law,
\$720.

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on town treasurer, 2048, for
the sum of \$57,516.94.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LARRABEE,
Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JANUARY 1, 1886.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

High School.

Alonzo G. Whitman, six months	.	.	.	\$960 00
" " four months	.	.	.	680 00
Clarimond Mansfield, six months	.	.	.	330 00
" " four months	.	.	.	240 00
Hattie G. Ricker, ten months	.	.	.	550 00
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				\$2,760 00

Grammar Schools.

FIRST.

Harriet C. Fairbanks, ten months	.	.	.	\$800 00
Charlotte A. Bishop, six months	.	.	.	300 00
Nellie H. Rogers, four months	.	.	.	200 00
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				\$1,300 00

SECOND.

Lucy W. Bisbee, ten months	.	.	.	\$550 00
Alice M. Swett, "	.	.	.	550 00
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				\$1,100 00

THIRD.

Susan D. Melcher, ten months	.	.	.	\$550 00
Helen J. Barrett, "	.	.	.	550 00
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				\$1,100 00

MIXED.

Lydia Mendum, ten months	.	.	.	\$525 00
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FOURTH.

Mary J. George, ten months	\$500 00
Kate W. Bascom	"	.	.	.	500 00
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					\$1,000 00

Intermediate Schools.

Alice H. Long, six months	\$285 00
" " four months	200 00
Effie C. Sweetser, ten months	.	.	.	.	450 00
Belle Mitchell, ten months	.	.	.	.	450 00
Lilla J. Davis, ten months	.	.	.	.	450 00
Lilla D. Ide, three months	135 00
Lena R. Brackett	258 75
Alma J. Guptill, four months	190 00
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					\$2,418 75

Primary and Mixed Schools.

Lucy F. Dermot, ten months	\$500 00
Hannah F. Lewis, thirteen weeks	162 50
E. M. Donkin, eleven weeks	.	.	.	.	110 00
" " four months	.	.	.	.	180 00
Alma J. Guptill, six months	.	.	.	.	270 00
Mary E. Whitcomb, six months	.	.	.	.	240 00
Hannah Gibbons, ten months	.	.	.	.	400 00
Mary I. Hersey, three months	.	.	.	.	135 00
" " seven months	.	.	.	.	350 00
Emma L Randlett, ten months	.	.	.	.	450 00
Mary E. Nye, four months	.	.	.	.	180 00
Maria P. Hood, three weeks	.	.	.	.	33 75
Annie Ransom, one week	11 25
Hattie Lane, assistant	20 00
Grace A. Small, substitute	11 25
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					\$3,053 75

Music and Elocution.

C. E. Whiting, six months . . .	\$210 00	
Harry Benson, four " . . .	140 00	
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W. F. Wentworth		38 00
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		\$388 00

JANITORS' SALARIES.

F. M. McLaughlin (High School building) .	\$295 00
Charles T. Stevens (Centre)	175 30
Charles F. Valentine (Grove street) . .	175 30
Charles H. Fuller (Franklin street) . .	150 00
Anthony A. Rich (Vinton street) . . .	99 96
William F. Serrat (Lynde street) . . .	99 96
Eri Upham (Upham street)	60 00
Joseph S. Emerson (Fells)	57 50
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	\$1,113 02

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES, 1884-5.

Clifton Fletcher	\$65 00
Julius S. Clark	60 00
Thomas W. Ripley	50 00
Mrs. A. K. Miller	50 00
Mrs. S. W. Bradbury	50 00
Mrs. M. A. Adams	50 00
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	\$325 00

School Supplies.

Mrs. A. K. Miller, services as disbursing agent	\$110 43
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Fuel.

J. McCarty, charcoal	\$21 00
J. M. McCarthy & Sons, charcoal . . .	19 50
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	280 40
M. F. Eastman, coal	754 75
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	\$1,075 65

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries	\$13,645 50
Janitors' "	1,113 02
Committee "	325 00
Supply agent, salary	110 43
Fuel	1,075 65
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						\$16,269 60

CONTRA.

Appropriations	\$16,000 00
Balance from last year	442 53
Received from state	65 22
Received for tuition of children	49 00
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					\$16,556 75
Balance unexpended	287 15
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					\$16,556 75
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SCHOOL CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

EXPENDED.

Books, Stationery, Supplies, &c.

D. Appleton & Co.	\$150 81
Harper & Brothers	.	.	.	.	.	221 25
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	60 48
Iverson, Blakeman & Taylor	.	.	.	.	.	21 70
C. H. Whiting	.	.	.	.	.	120 85
Knight, Adams & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	237 74
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser	.	.	.	.	.	12 20
J. L. Hammett	.	.	.	.	.	61 19
Cowperthwait & Co.	24 48
Thompson, Brown & Co.	98 46
Boston School Supply Co.	148 43
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Amount carried forward	\$1,157 59

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,157 59
Ginn, Heath & Co.	43 20
Wm. Ware & Co.	102 09
George F. King & Merrill	272 83
T. W. Gilson	.	.	.	.	10 00
Maynard & Noyes	.	.	.	.	7 50
C. A. Eastman	.	.	.	.	36 04
Prang Educ. Co.	.	.	.	.	42 40
A. C. Stockin	.	.	.	.	26 88
F. M. Ambrose	.	.	.	.	57 80
Ginn & Co.	.	.	.	.	38 85
Eaton, Holden & Co.	.	.	.	.	10 60
Robert Burlen	1 00
Alfred P. Gage	1 75
A. H. Skillings & Co.	38 00
Willard Small	14 00
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					\$1,860 53

General Repairs, Buildings, Grounds, &c.

Angus McDonald, stock and labor	\$243 20
Ellenwood & McDonald, stock and labor	.	.	.	.	97 15
D. R. Woodward,	"	"	.	.	26 07
Anthony A. Rich,	"	"	.	.	7 90
O. E. Drown,	"	"	.	.	244 09
E. N. Sargent,	"	"	.	.	7 05
G. W. Dew, glazing	.	.	.	.	2 25
Gibson & Cushing, painting	.	.	.	.	44 00
A. W. Parker,	"	.	.	.	152 60
J. P. Deering, lumber	.	.	.	.	102 69
M. C. Warren & Co., hardware	.	.	.	.	4 40
A. W. Lynde, cementing cellar, &c.	.	.	.	.	159 26
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, &c.	123 26
Holbrook & Hunt, repairs, plumbing, &c.	58 77
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Amount carried forward \$1,272 69

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,272 69
J. L. Holbrook, repairs, plumbing, &c.	23 09
Thos. Kerwin & Co., cleaning vaults	8 00
C. S. Parker & Sons, repairing roof High School building	28 43
W. Emery & Co., inside blinds and windows	79 10
Lemuel Merrill, keys	2 00
R. Philpot, loam and tar	5 50
C. F. Valentine, labor and grading	3 50
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	\$1,422 31

Furniture.

Buffalo School Furniture Co., desks, &c.	\$44 20
George S. Phillips, book-cases	27 00
Carroll W. Clark, blackboards, &c	33 20
John B. Souther, wardrobe and mats	30 20
G. M. Bosworth & Co., maps, fixtures, &c.	28 00
Norris & Fletcher, piano	205 00
Harris & Rogers, maps	6 00
A. H. Andrews & Co., settees, &c.	22 00
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	\$395 60

Printing.

Babb & Stephens, programmes	\$11 00
W. L. Williams	9 50
T. W. Ripley, reports, &c.	14 00
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	\$34 50

Sundries.

S. P. Rowell, ruling slates, &c.	\$18 15
Eugene Lyne, duster	3 00
O. Lappen & Co., brooms, mats, &c.	44 37
Bugbee & Barrett, hooks, &c.	1 00
G. P. Reed, cleaning clocks	12 50
Thomas Ireland, " " "	4 50
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$83 52

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$83 52
A. G. Whitman, chemical glasses	2 00
Jahn Larrabee, chemicals	12 94
John R. Colby, "	1 96
W. F. Wentworth, expense, car fares, &c.	5 00
E. Thayer, conveying children from Swain's pond	38 50
D. M. White, tuning piano	2 50
School committee, expense, fares, &c.	28 40
H. N. Cass, framing crayon	7 50
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	21 35
E. M. Donkin, filling diplomas	4 60
Eastman's Express, expressing	26 65
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., rent and heating room	200 00
C. G. Harris, silesia, ribbons, &c.	22 18
F. M. McLaughlin, expense, cleaning, &c.	18 30
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	\$475 40

RECAPITULATION.

Books, stationery, supplies, &c.	\$1,860 53
General repairs	1,422 31
Furniture	395 60
Printing	34 50
Sundries	475 40
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	\$4,188 34

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$3,250 00
Balance from last year	4 56
Received from Mrs. A. K. Miller for books sold	4 78
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	\$3,259 34
Expenditure exceed	929 00
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	\$4,188 34

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$950 00
Balance from last year	5 35

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses : —

Moses Briggs	\$2 00	
John R. Jones	2 00	
George W. Farnsworth	2 00	
S. A. Lovejoy	2 00	8 00

From Crystal Lake Fishing Association,
rent of pond one year . . . \$10 00

From Edwards Brothers, rent for
strip of land from town hall lot . . . 10 00 20 00

\$983 35

EXPENDED.

John Garfield, M.D., returning 5 births, 1884 and
1885 \$1 25

Julius S. Clark, M.D. " 39 " " . . . 9 75

Charles C. Odlin, M.D. " 38 " " . . . 9 50

Geo. B. Langmaid, M.D. " 7 " " . . . 1 75

Annie M. Sallee, M.D. " 5 " " . . . 1 25

S. A. Kimball, M.D. " 3 " " . . . 75

C. B. Shute, M.D. " 5 " " . . . 1 25

John Larrabee, collecting, recording and return-
ing births, deaths and marriages, 1884 . . . 83 90

John Larrabee, cash paid, stationery, postage, &c. . . 4 35

John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1884,
and extra services 40 00

W. L. Williams, printing warrants, notices, vot-
ing lists, advertising, &c. 156 18

Amount carried forward \$309 93

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$309 93
T. W. Ripley, printing of reports	226 40
P. M. Murphy, printing licenses	1 50
A. W. Haskell, collectors' book	7 00
C. H. Whiting, record books, &c.	9 25
G. H. Crockett & Co., painting signs	10 00
O. E. Drown, frames for voting lists	3 25
Eastman's Express	5 80
Oran Brown, damages to team	20 00
Register of deeds, recording deed	1 00
Gooch & Burdett, legal services	15 00
William S. Bryden, veterinary, advice	2 00
G. C. Stantial, services as clerk for selectmen	25 00
G. C. Stantial, carriage for assessors	10 00
C. T. Stevens, ringing bell	6 00
Samuel Lear, " "	6 00
F. M. McLaughlin, " "	6 00
O. E. Drown, " "	6 00
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, glazing	1 80
H. B. Newhall, posting notices	5 00
A. B. Pierce, serving warrants, notices, &c.	83 25
A. B. Pierce & Son, undertakers, returning 101 deaths (1885)	25 25
H. B. Jacobs, undertaker, returning 5 deaths	1 25
P. J. McMahon, " " 3 "	75
"Daily Advertiser," advertising reward	4 20
Globe Newspaper Co., " "	10 80
Journal " " " "	5 63
R. Worthington & Co., " "	6 00
R. M. Pulsifer & Co., " "	3 75
George Newhall, cash paid for stamps	4 00
Battery C, M.V.M., salute July 4	50 00
George W. Bartlett, carriage hire	21 00
O. E. Drown, services (Board of Health)	15 65
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$908 46</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$908 46
Carter, Harris & Hawley, sulphur	1 25
M. O. Howes, distributing health notices	3 50
H. E. Murch, lettering drinking fountain	7 00
J. A. Dill, lunch	5 00
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	\$925 21

Grant Memorial Services.

George L. Westgate, cambric	\$80 40
C. G. Harris, cambric	10 47
O. E. Drown, labor,	26 25
F. M. McLaughlin, "	7 50
John H. Gately, "	8 75
A. J. Barlow, "	6 25
R. M. Rand, "	4 50
Pliny Edson, flags	1 20
Justus Geist, floral design	6 00
E. W. Dowling, decorations	4 00
O. F. Ingalls, shield, &c.	1 25
H. G. Eagan, lithographs	60
S. S. Preble, expense, music, &c.	1 50
H. B. Covel, lettering	2 00
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	\$160 67

Recapitulation.

Appropriations	\$950 00
Balance from last year	5 35
Receipts	28 00
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	\$983 35
Incidental expenses	\$925 21
Grant memorial services	160 67
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	\$1,085 88
Expenditures exceed	102 53
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	\$1,085 88

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, &c.

L. F. Hinckley, groceries and provisions	.	.	\$311 80
Bugbee & Barrett, " "	.	.	237 24
Frost & Hawes, " "	.	.	171 55
W. H. Wells, " . . .	.	.	12 00
Lawrence Leonard, " . . .	.	.	156 00
L. W. Gilman, " and provisions	.	.	52 35
A. E. Gates, " "	.	.	10 00
James Worthen, " "	.	.	181 22
J. A. Dill, bread	19 95
McConnell Bros., bread	12 00
Michael Kelly, milk	11 28
Angevine Bros. "	4 64
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			\$1,180 03

Fuel.

F. R. Upham	\$13 25
M. F. Eastman	76 33
James Marshall	101 17
S. E. Benson	56 04
Lawrence Leonard	8 25
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							\$255 04

Medical Attendance, Medicines and Nurses.

J. S. Clark, M.D.	\$65 50
George B. Langmaid, M.D.	20 00
S. A. Kimball, M.D.	.	.	.	.	3 00
John Larrabee, medicines	53 96
Mrs. Almira Keith, nursing	24 00
“ Rupert Everton “	5 00
“ Charles Sanborn “	8 00
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Amount carried forward	\$179 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$179 46
Mrs. Ann Stebbins, nursing	6 00
Miss A. M. Conway "	5 00
George Gobel and wife "	38 58
Michael Kelly, care of	28 00
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	\$257 04

For Support of Insane.

Asylum for Chronic Insane	\$273 45
State Hospital for the Insane	193 96
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	341 39
Danvers' " "	584 75
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	287 39
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	\$1,680 94

Burial Expenses.

A. B. Pierce & Son, undertakers, services, &c.	\$105 00
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Outside Relief.

City of Malden	\$479 35
" " Cambridge	1 50
" " Lowell	82 46
" " Boston	99 67
" " Lynn	51 00
Town of Methuen	49 59
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	\$763 57

Board and Clothing.

S. M. M. McLoon	\$54 87
St. Vincent's Asylum	72 00
F. E. Upham, board of child	22 50
" " clothing for child	48 00
Mrs. P. R. Ellis	18 00
A. Johnson	6 25
A. M. Conway	15 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$236 62

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$236 62
Ann Stebbins	97 50
E. J. Barron	169 00
C. S. Jones	12 86
Jane H. Furber	56 00
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	\$571 98

Rents.

Dexter Bryant, 16 months	\$32 00
G. N. Harris, agent, 19 weeks	25 65
R. P. Barry, 8 months	48 00
Charles Ramsdell, 34 weeks, 2 days	34 29
Cynthia Howard, 6 months	18 00
John W. Cobb, 18 months	72 00
George B. Rogers, one year	96 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 39 weeks	58 50
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	\$384 44

Sundries.

S. F. Barrett, tickets	\$4 51
Bridget Woods, washing clothes	12 00
Babb & Stephens, printing	6 00
G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	1 00
C. G. Harris, dry goods	17 02
H. G. Fields, cash	28 00
" " boots, shoes, &c.	94 55
" " car fares, &c.	4 57
O. E. Drown, meals to tramps	21 75
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	\$189 40

RECAPITULATION.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, &c.	\$1,180 03
Fuel	255 04
Medical attendance, medicines and nursing	257 04
Support of insane	1,680 94
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,373 05

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,373 05
Burial expenses	105 00
Outside relief	763 57
Board and clothing	571 98
Rents	384 44
Sundries	189 40
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					\$5,387 44

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Balance from last year	645 64
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					\$4,645 64

Receipts.

From state treasurer	.	.	.	\$101 50
City of Boston	.	.	.	119 08
" Cambridge	.	.	.	212 56
" Somerville	.	.	.	65 13
Town of Woburn	.	.	.	45 65
" Beverly	.	.	.	98 13
" Warren	.	.	.	145 73
" Stoneham	.	.	.	68 75
" Middleton	.	.	.	34 85
" Falmouth	.	.	.	80 40
" Hingham	.	.	.	4 25
" Yarmouth	.	.	.	7 00
H. G. Fields, money refunded	.	.	.	16 00
Peter Edgerly, board of daughter	.	.	.	169 46
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				1,168 49
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				\$5,814 13
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	\$426 69

Note.—Due this account from City of Somerville, \$38.00.

STATE AID.

Received from state treasurer on account of
 amount paid during the year 1884 . . . \$669 00

PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING
 YEAR 1885.

Samuel Sprague	\$36 00
George C. Bucknam	48 00
William Story	48 00
George A. Tainter	36 00
Daniel D. Penney	48 00
Harriet N. Lynde	48 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Alvin Drake	21 00
Charles H. Young	72 00
Benjamin F. Gibbs	12 00
Ann M. Jewett	48 00
Sarah P. Roberts	48 00
Rebecca H. French	40 00
John H. Guild	40 00
Bridget Dolan	32 00
Moses P. Mitchell	18 00
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	\$787 00

MILITARY AID.

Received from state treasurer on account of aid
 paid in 1884 \$391 00
 [Sums paid under provisions chap. 252, Acts of
 1879. One half refunded by the state.]
 George W. Grover \$96 00
 Amount carried forward \$96 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$96 00
Lawrence Reardon	48 00
Ede K. Chase	72 00
William B. York	96 00
Horace W. Stevens	54 00
William A. Johnson	28 00
Benjamin F. York	30 00
Torry Peabody	24 00
Charles S. Jones	54 00
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	\$502 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,300 00
For new hose	400 00
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	\$2,700 00

EXPENDED.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	\$400 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
S. E. Benson, coal	1 65
Edwards Brothers, shaft, reel and repairs	28 50
A. L. Maclachlan, straps	5 00
C. W. H. Moulton & Co., ladders	39 22
Eastman's Express, horse hire	33 00
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	\$547 37

Russell Hose Company, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	\$248 32
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co.	18 50
A. W. Parker, painting carriage	29 50
Edwards Brothers, bolts	75
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$337 07

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$337 07
S. E. Benson, coal	12 25
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	2 72
M. F. Eastman, coal	4 95
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	\$356 99

N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2.

Services of men, one year	\$235 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Horse hire	18 00
L. W. Gilman, rent (fifteen months)	187 50
A. W. Parker, glazing	1 00
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co.	21 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	50
S. E. Benson, coal	6 00
M. F. Eastman, wood and coal	10 90
J. Singer, Jr., sundries	3 10
J. M. Keen, painting carriage	25 00
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	\$548 00

Highland Hose Company, No. 3.

Services of men, one year	\$258 34
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Horse hire	2 00
John Singer, Jr., sundries	14 81
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	12 75
Samuel Lear, stock and labor	2 00
M. F. Eastman, wood and coal	21 35
J. C. Howes, stove, &c.	25 15
J. M. Keen, painting carriage and repairs	26 25
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	\$402 65

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Board of engineers, services	\$71 00
“ “ badges	4 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$75 00

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$75 00
Eastman's Express		2 40
W. H. Turner & Co., 600 feet hose, cotton, R.L. 2½ inches		456 00
John Singer, Jr., cash paid		
for rubber coats	\$30 00	
for lanterns	39 00	
for sundries	7 00	
	<u>\$76 00</u>	
Less cash rec'd for condemned hose	34 00	
		<u>42 00</u>
R. M. Rand, care of Endeavor engine		5 00
M. F. Eastman, cannal coal for steamer		3 50
		<u>\$583 90</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook & Ladder Co.	\$547 37
Russell Hose Co.	356 99
N. D. Blake Hose Co.	548 00
Highland Hose Co.	402 65
Contingent expenses	583 90
	<u>\$2,438 91</u>

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$2,700 00
Balance unexpended	261 09
	<u>\$2,700 00</u>
	<u>\$2,700 00</u>

TOWN HALL.

EXPENDED.

O. E. Drown, janitor, 1 year	\$300 00
" " sundries and labor	13 89
J. C. Howes, repairs, labor on vase, &c.	70 39
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$384 28</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$384 28
M. F. Eastman, coal and lawn dressing	255 75
A. W. Parker, glazing	5 90
Nathaniel Tufts, lantern	12 00
H. Cummings, gas and steam fitting	37 75
Lawrence Wilde & Co., furniture	6 00
Daniel Norton, rope	2 50
Melrose Lyceum, part cost, extra seats	25 00
A. C. Currier, gas burners	2 25
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co., 135,100 cubic feet gas	337 75
John Larrabee, sundries	1 60
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	15 65
Edwards Bros., sharpening lawn mower	1 50
Thomas Kerwin & Co., cleaning cesspool	10 00
C. S. Parker & Sons, repairing roof	113 34
F. R. Upham, cedar posts for fence	13 50
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	67 15
J. P. Deering, fence stock	53 83
A. W. Caswell, painting fence	17 00
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	\$1,362 75

RECEIPTS.

For use of hall : —

Jubilee Singers	\$20 00
Miniature Patti Concert Co.	25 00
Melrose Athletic Club	30 00
Firemen	25 00
Mrs. G. N. Bordman	25 00
Universalist Society	60 00
Catholic Society	74 00
Committee meetings, &c.	15 00
Melrose Lyceum	200 00
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	\$474 00

Amount carried forward \$474 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$474 00
For rent of room :	
Melrose Savings Bank, 1 year	100 00
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	\$574 00
Expenditures exceed	788 75
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	\$1,362 75

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
Balance from last year	224 76
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	\$1,924 76

EXPENDED.

Wheeler Reflector Co., for lighting and care of 119 to 132 lamps, for one year, 30,579 lightings at 4½ cents	\$1,376 08
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co., lighting and care of 29 lamps, 10½ months	458 79
J. C. Howes, repairs	38 61
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co., removing post, &c.	2 02
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	\$1,875 50
Balance unexpended	49 26
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	\$1,924 76

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation	\$75 00
Balance unexpended	55 45
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	\$130 45

EXPENDED.

Wheeler Reflector Co., 12 lanterns, frames, posts, &c.	\$60 40
Eastman's Express	1 40
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	\$61 80
Balance unexpended	68 65
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	\$130 45

ARMORY RENT.

H. A. Leonard, rent for 1 year	\$400 00
Received from state treasurer on account of rent for year 1884	\$400 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid E. C. Gould, Commander Post 4, G.A.R., as per vote	\$200 00

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Appropriation to replace amount expended on Orris and Warren streets	200 00
Balance from last year	532 02
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	\$4,232 02

RECEIPTS.

Highland Congregational Church, digging cellar	62 50
B. F. Dyer	24 64
Charles B. Hill	5 00
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	\$4,324 16

EXPENDED. — FOR LABOR AND TEAMS.

James Marshall, Supt. : —

131½ days at \$2.50 per day . . .	\$328 74
Laborers, 1575½ days at \$1.76 per day . .	2,772 65
Teams, 519¼ days at \$1.50 per day . . .	778 86
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	\$3,880 25

Of the above there was expended in months as follows : —

January	\$45 84
February	77 02
March	41 32
April	957 29
May	659 24
June	647 76
July	470 51
August	340 64
September	200 20
November	352 38
December	88 05
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	\$3,880 25

Sundries.

J. P. Deering, lumber	\$14 83
Eastman's Express	95
J. C. Howes, labor and drain pipe . . .	20 24
C. H. Thompson & Co., shovels and barrow .	6 50
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., fencing and staples .	4 33
G. W. Bartlett, teams	10 00
Bugbee Barrett, hoes, &c.	2 90
H. C. Richardson, watering streets . . .	45 50
J. O. Chandler, sharpening tools . . .	57 05
Edwards Brothers, repairing snow-plough .	4 50
H. E. Murch, labor on edgestones . . .	1 50
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$168 30</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$168 30
Geo. W. Burke, filling and labor on Franklin st.	25 00
Dexter Byrant, damages on Emerson street	20 00
Nelson Cochran, surveying	41 75
Charles Mills	7 82
Frank Gibbons, 1195 loads gravel	59 75
Frank Gibbons, 18½ perch stone	9 25
E. Fuller, 195 loads gravel	11 70
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	\$343 57

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations	\$3,700 00
Balance from last year	532 02
Receipts	92 14
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	\$4,324 16

EXPENDED.

For labor and teams	\$3,880 25
For sundries	343 57
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	\$4,223 82
Balance unexpended	100 34
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	\$4,324 16

TREMONT STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation	\$500 00
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EXPENDED.

James Marshall, Supt., 11½ days, at \$2.50 per day	\$28 75
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Laborers.

136 days, at \$1.76 per day	239 36
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$268 11

Amount brought forward \$268 11

Teams.

38 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	57 37
Boston & Maine R.R., 150 old ties	15 00
D. R. Woodward, labor and nails	37 00
J. P. Deering, plank	102 77
George F. Boardman, 118 loads gravel	11 80
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	\$492 05
Balance unexpended	7 95
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	\$500 00

ORRIS AND WARREN STREETS.

Appropriation \$600 00

EXPENDED.

James Marshall, Supt., 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$2.50 per day \$50 62

Laborers.

269 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.76 per day 474 76

Teams.

49 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	74 24
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	\$599 62
Balance unexpended	38
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	\$600 00

NOTE. — \$200 was expended on these streets from the highway appropriation, previous to the above.

WASHINGTON STREET.

Appropriation	\$200 00
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EXPENDED.

James Marshall, Supt., 7 days, at \$2.50 per day	\$17 50
Laborers, 80 days, at \$1.76 per day	140 80
Teams, 17½ days, at \$1.50 per day	26 25
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	\$184 55
Balance unexpended	15 45
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	\$200 00

CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Balance from last year	62 39
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	\$212 39

EXPENDED.

Walter B. Ellis, 272½ yards concrete crossing, at 40 cents per yard	\$109 20
261¾ yards concrete gutters, at 30 cents per yard	78 50
For repairs	15 00
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	\$202 70
Balance unexpended	9 69
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	\$212 39

DRAINAGE.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Balance from last year	116 47
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	\$416 47

EXPENDED.

James Marshall, Supt., 13 days' labor, at \$2.50	
per day	\$32 50
Laborers, 102 days, at \$1.76 per day . . .	179 52
Teams, 12½ days at \$1.50 per day	18 75
J. A. Ramsdell, 265 square feet covering stone .	53 00
Edmands & Co., 100 feet 12-inch pipe . . .	32 00
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	\$315 77
Balance unexpended	100 70
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	\$416 47

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$900 00
Balance from last year	161 87
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	\$1,061 87

EXPENDED.

Labor and Teams.

James Marshall, Supt., 17¼ days, at	
\$2.50	\$43 12
Laborers, 197 days, at \$1.76	346 72
Teams, 41¾ days, at \$1.50	62 75
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	\$452 59

Concrete.

W. F. Conant, one half expense of	
laying 60 yards concrete, at 30	
cents	\$9 00
Walter B. Ellis, one half expense of	
laying 1873½ yards concrete, at 30	
cents	281 03
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	290 03
Amount carried forward	\$742 62

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$742 62
Walter B. Ellis, for laying 688½ yards concrete, at 30 cents	\$206 58
Walter B. Ellis, for top dressing 499 yards concrete, at 15 cents	74 85
Walter B. Ellis, for tar dressing 522 yards concrete, at 5 cents	26 10
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	307 53

Sundries.

T. R. Newhall, 5 feet curbstone	\$2 25
W. B. Ellis, 10 feet circular stone	6 00
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	\$1,058 40
Balance unexpended	3 47
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	\$1,061 87

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

Balance from last year	\$100 00
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EXPENDED.

For labor	\$18 06
" teams	3 00
Patrick Cullen, labor and stone	16 90
Fulton Iron Foundry Co., iron plate	4 55
John Binney & Son, lantern	11 75
Thomas McCoubry, lantern frame, &c.	15 00
J. C. Howes, pipe and labor	42 97
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	\$112 23

Expenditures exceed, \$12.23

HIGHLAND SCHOOL BUILDING.

Balance from last year	\$530 58
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EXPENDED.

Paid committee's orders	\$571 60	
Expenditures exceed		41 02
	<u>\$571 60</u>	<u>\$571 60</u>

INSURANCE.

No appropriation.

EXPENDED.

W. D. Serrat, policies on hose house Franklin street, Centre School building, Fells School building	\$297 49
R. B. Leighton, furniture in Grove-street School building	30 00
	<u>\$327 49</u>

STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
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EXPENDED.

Expense of committee to Pawtucket, R.I.	15 25
Balance unexpended	<u>\$3,484 75</u>

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$6,000 00
Balance from last year	296 02
Received as interest collected on taxes from Jonathan C. Howes, 1882 and 1883	199 55
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$6,495 57</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6,495 57
Lewis G. Coburn, 1884	839 21
M. F. Eastman, 1885	72 58
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	\$7,407 36

EXPENDED.

Interest on town hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent	\$4,550 00
on note to Lowell Institution for Savings	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Mass.	620 00
on notes to Melrose Savings Bank	171 11
on notes sold various persons	493 75
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	\$7,034 86
Balance unexpended	372 50
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	\$7,407 36

MELROSE WATER FUND.

DR.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent per annum	\$9,000 00
bills on account of construction and maintenance for the year 1885	10,600 54
Treasurer of water loan sinking fund commissioners, per order, surplus, 1884	4,643 08
On account of surplus, 1885	756 92
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	\$25,000 54

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Town's appropriations:—

For use of water	\$2,000 00
For cost of construction, 1884	3,754 51
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	\$5,754 51
To credit of fund last year	888 57
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$6,643 08

Amount brought forward \$6,643 08

RECEIPTS.

From Addison Lane, superintendent and water registrar,
cash at various times, water
rates, &c., for 1885 16,895,78

\$23,538 86

Expenditures exceed (due treasurer) . . 1,461 68

\$25,000 54

Water Committee.

(Special.)

Appropriation \$300 00

EXPENDED.

Crafts & Forbes, services as engineers \$100 00

James S. Adams, printing 9 25

Charles W. Bills, use of pump, &c. . . . 11 10

American Steam Gauge Co., use of
pressure gauge 2 00

W. F. Sherman, expense, telegrams, &c. . . . 2 79

C. S. Knowles, rings and washers 2 00

Thomas McCoubry, rods and plates 4 40

W. W. Boardman, carriage hire 2 00

\$133 54

Balance unexpended 166 46

\$300 00

High Service.

RECEIPTS.

From sale of bonds :

Nos. 1 to 20, @ \$1060 each \$21,200 00

Accrued interest 24 days, at 4
per cent 53 33

Amount carried forward \$21,253 33

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$21,253 33
Nos. 21 to 27, at \$1060 each	.	.	.	7,420 00
Accrued interest	.	.	.	43 54
Nos. 28 to 30, at \$1060 each	.	.	.	3,180 00
Accrued interest	.	.	.	20 00
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				\$31,916 87

EXPENDED.

Paid committee's orders to January,	
1886	\$15,421 32

Fells School Building.

Appropriation	\$5,000 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid committee's orders	\$2,700 00
Balance unexpended	2,300 00
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	\$5,000 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

Appropriation	\$750 00
Dog tax for 1884, from county treasurer	573 85
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	\$1,323 85

EXPENDED.

Paid E. H. Goss, treasurer of trustees, on orders	\$1,323 85
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TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$1,900 00
Balance from last year	354 34
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	\$2,254 34

EXPENDED.

Levi S. Gould, selectman . . .	\$200 00
John K. Currier, " . . .	200 00
H. G. Fields, selectman and chair-	
man overseers of poor . . .	250 00
John Larrabee, town clerk . . .	175 00
George Newhall, treasurer . . .	300 00
George C. Stantial, assessor . . .	150 00
Gilbert N. Harris, " . . .	150 00
George F. Boardman, " . . .	150 00
F. E. Orcutt, auditor, 1884 . . .	15 00
J. R. Norton, " " . . .	15 00
G. N. Harris, " " . . .	15 00
Alfred Hocking, registrar of voters . . .	25 00
Walter Babb, " " . . .	25 00
John B. Souther, " " . . .	25 00
John Larrabee, " " . . .	25 00
Jonathan C. Howes, collector, one half	
of one per cent on \$20,166.68 . . .	100 84
5 per cent on \$333.32 (poll taxes) . . .	16 66
L. G. Coburn, one half of one per cent	
on \$62,145.82	310 73
5 per cent on \$1354.18 (poll	
taxes)	67 71
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	\$2,215 94
Balance unexpended	38 40
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	\$2,254 34

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Balance from last year	115 50
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	\$1,315 50

EXPENDED.

H. B. Newhall, 1704 hours . .	\$426 00	
Frank M. McLaughlin, 923 hours .	230 75	
A. Wilbur Lynde, 73 hours . .	18 25	
C. T. Stevens, 20 hours . . .	5 00	
O. E. Drown, 1692 hours . . .	423 00	
R. M. Rand, 47 hours . . .	11 75	
James F. Cooper, 32 hours . .	8 00	
R. A. Gowell, 34 hours . . .	8 50	
C. H. Fuller, 22 hours . . .	5 50	
A. B. Pierce, 32 hours . . .	8 00	\$1,144 75

Sundries.

G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire . .	\$42 00	
F. M. Holmes Furniture Co., wardrobe	18 00	
J. P. Lovell's Sons, irons, clubs and twisters	13 50	
A. W. Mitchell, badges . . .	7 50	
F. M. McLaughlin, court expenses .	7 42	
O. E. Drown, care of lock-up 1 year	25 00	113 42
		<u>\$1,258 17</u>
Balance unexpended		57 33
		<u>\$1,315 50</u>

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

For six lots sold residents, at \$75 each . .	\$450 00
three " " at \$60 " . .	180 00
two half lots " at \$40 " . .	80 00
one lot " at \$40 . .	40 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$750 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$750 00
For one half lot sold resident, at \$30 each .	30 00
one lot in public ground	25 00
On account of lots sold	275 00
For one lot sold non-resident	175 00
half lot " "	90 00
For graves	66 00
For care of lots	235 00
For grading, sodding, interments, &c. . .	244 10
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	\$1,890 10

EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, labor, 6 months, at \$43 per month	\$258 00
Thomas Marshall, labor, teams, manure, &c., furnished	49 89
Daniel Dowd, labor, 167 days, at \$1.50 per day	250 50
John Knight, labor, 143½ days, at \$1.50 per day	215 25
" " 2½ days, at \$1.76 " "	4 40
Bugbee & Barrett, lawn seed, &c.	5 60
A. C. Goss, 275 feet sods	2 75
team, 37¼ days	55 88
man, 4 days	7 00
Charles Pratt, 4267 feet sods	42 67
S. E. Eastman, P. M. stamps	2 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening and repairing tools	1 08
Nelson Cochran, surveying	4 00
G. W. Bartlett, team	1 00
Jos. Breck & Son, grass shears	1 75
J. P. Deering, lumber	1 00
Henry J. Rice, 217 feet granite capping . .	108 50
labor,	3 50
Justus Geist, plants and planting	25 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,039 77

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$1,039 77
M. F. Eastman, 7 barrels cement	.	.	.	10 50
John Larrabee, services on committee	.	.	.	25 00
George Newhall, services on committee	.	.	.	25 00
" " making and acknowledging	46			
deeds	.	.	.	23 00
Thos. Cassells, 34 days' labor	.	.	.	59 70
John Connell, 4 days' labor	.	.	.	7 04
Geo. F. Grover, 2 days' labor	.	.	.	3 52
Geo. F. Case, Jr., 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' labor	.	.	.	10 87
Charles Boardman, labor and oxen	.	.	.	5 00
B. R. Upham, labor and team	.	.	.	4 87
F. R. Upham, labor and team	.	.	.	24 38
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				\$1,238 65

Surplus for the year, \$661.45.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury January 28, 1885	\$44 18
Total receipts for the year	178,134 60
	<hr/> \$178,178 78
Total disbursements for the year	176,695 18
	<hr/> \$1,483 60

NOTES GIVEN AND PAID DURING THE YEAR.

Melrose Savings Bank, borrowed on		
notes and paid during the year	\$21,000 00	\$21,000 00
Lowell Institution for Savings, paid		
note dated September 7, 1865		20,000 00
Paid note reported last year as temporary loan		12,000 00
Borrowed on notes and paid during the year	19,000 00	19,000 00
Melrose Savings Bank, borrowed on demand, temporary loan	10,000 00	
	<hr/> \$50,000 00	<hr/> \$72,000 00

TRUST FUND.

Received from H. A. Newhall, of Malden, executor of will of Sally Upham, as a legacy from her to the town of Melrose, the town to care for cemetery lot in the "old burial ground" perpetually, as per vote passed June 2, 1885	\$200 00
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STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1886.

BONDS.

Melrose water fund, 1st issue, due	
July 1, 1890	\$100,000 00
Melrose water fund, 2d issue, due	
October 1, 1892	50,000 00
Town hall bonds, due October 1, 1892	65,000 00
	<hr/> \$215,000 00
Melrose water loan (high service)	30,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes outstanding.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
due October 15, 1888, interest	
6 per cent	\$5,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
due August 6, 1889, interest	
4 per cent	8,000 00
	<hr/> 13,000 00

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Melrose Savings Bank, on demand,	
interest 3 per cent	10,000,00
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Total debt	\$268,000 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on	
account of State aid	\$787 00
Due from State of Massachusetts on	
account of Armory rent . . .	400 00
Due from State of Massachusetts on	
account of Military aid . . .	251 00
Bills due on poor account	38 00
	<hr/> \$1,476 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,476 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	\$1,476 00
Uncollected taxes :—			
1881	.	.	134 00
1882	.	.	468 55
1883	.	.	566 63
1884	.	.	1,846 01
1885	.	.	26,274 81
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			\$30,766 00
Water loan sinking fund	.	.	\$24,515 60
Cash in the treasury	.	.	1,483 60
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			25,999 20
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			\$56,765 20
Net debt more than assets available	.	.	211,234 80
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			\$268,000 00

Respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE NEWHALL, *Treasurer.*

(E. and O. excepted.)

Melrose, February, 1886.

GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,
*In account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan
 Sinking Fund.*

DR.

February, 1885. Cash on hand	.	.	.	\$487 48
To received as surplus from water fund, 1884				4,643 08
To received from water fund on account of sur- plus for 1885	.	.	.	756 92
To received from sale of bonds	.	.	.	
principal	.	.	\$10,000 00	
premium	.	.	1,198 75	
			<hr/>	11,198 75
To received as interest	.	.	.	969 58
			<hr/>	\$18,055 81

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By paid rent for box in safe deposit vault	\$10 00
By paid for mortgage notes on real estate	6,300 00
By paid for bonds	11,000 00
By paid premium on bonds	660 00
By paid accrued interest on bonds	70 21
February, 1886. Cash on hand	15 60
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	\$18,055 81

GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER, *in account with the
Town of Melrose.*

DR.

Jan. 28, 1885. Cash in treasury	\$44 18
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RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer : —

On account of School fund	\$65 22
Armory rent, 1884	400 00
State aid, 1884	669 00
Corporation tax	1,967 30
Bank tax	648 77
Military aid, 1884	195 50
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	3,945 79

From various sources : —

On account of School Contingent, books sold, &c.	\$4 78
On account of Poor fund	1,168 49
School "	49 00
Contingent fund	28 00
For use of Town hall	574 00
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1884	573 85
For lots, graves, &c., Wyoming Cemetery	1,890 10
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$4,288 22
	\$3,989 97

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$4,288 22	\$3,989 97
From A. Lane, superintendent, water-rates collected, &c.	16,895 78	
Trust Fund	200 00	
On account of Highways	92 14	
From sale of Water Bonds, High Service	31,916 87	
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TAXES.

M. F. Eastman, collector, taxes for 1885	\$45,000 00	
L. G. Coburn, collector, taxes for 1884	23,500 00	
Jona. C. Howes, collector, taxes for 1883	2,128 02	
Jona. C. Howes, collector, taxes for 1882	154 96	
Jona. C. Howes, collector, taxes for 1881	112 82	
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LOANS.

Received on treasurer's notes	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$178,178 78

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By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows :—

School fund	\$16,269 60
School contingent expenses	4,188 34
Contingent fund	1,064 88
Poor fund	5,387 44
Fire department	2,438 91
Town hall	1,362 75
Street lights	1,875 50
Cemetery (Wyoming)	1,238 65
Police	1,258 17
Town officers' salaries	2,215 94
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$37,300 18

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$37,300 18	
By State aid	787 00	
Water fund	10,734 08	
Drainage	315 77	
Armory rent	400 00	
Additional street lamps	61 80	
Concrete sidewalks	1,058 40	
Concrete crossings and gutters	202 70	
Military aid	502 00	
Highways	4,223 82	
Insurance	327 49	
Memorial day	200 00	
Drinking fountain	112 23	
Steam fire engine	15 25	
Tremont street sidewalk	492 05	
Orris and Warren streets	599 62	
Washington street	184 55	
	<hr/>	\$57,516 94
By paid interest on Water Fund Bonds	\$9,000 00	
" notes and Town		
Hall bonds	7,034 86	
orders of Trustees Public		
Library	1,323 85	
State tax, 1885	3,330 00	
County tax, 1885	2,373 35	
Treasurer Water Loan sink-		
ing fund	5,400 00	
orders of committee on school		
building at the "Fells"	2,700 00	
order of committee on school		
building at the "High-		
lands"	571 60	
order of committee on "High		
Service"	15,421 32	
<i>Amounts carried forward .</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$47,154 98	\$57,516 94

<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>	\$47,154 98	\$57,516 94
By paid on account of corporation tax	2 26	
" contingent fund	21 00	
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TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid treasurer's notes	72,000 00
January 30, 1886. By cash in the treasury .	1,483 60
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	\$178,178,78

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the Books of the Town Treasurer, and find them correct, and vouchers for all expenditures.

We have also examined the Expenditures of the Public Library, and find the report of the Treasurer is correct.

At request of Water Commissioners we examined the Books of that Department. We find them correctly kept, but recommend a change in the manner of keeping them, and the Board concur in our recommendation.

FRANK E. ORCUTT,
JOHN R. NORTON,
WALTER I. NICKERSON,

Auditors.

Melrose, February 11, 1886.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1885.

Number of inhabitants	6,110
children 5 to 15 years of age	1,135
dwellings	1,323
horses	364
cows and oxen	178
dogs	331
acres of land taxed (about)	2,700
steam-boilers	18
horse-power	1,107½
Value of real estate	\$4,374,250
personal estate	395,415
Total valuation	<u>\$4,769,665</u>
Rate of taxation per \$1000, \$14.20.	
Amount of appropriations	\$63,753 64
state tax	3,330 00
county tax	2,373 35
overlay	1,817 24
	<u>\$71,274 23</u>
Assessed as follows :—	
Number of polls, 1772.	
Tax on polls at \$2 each	\$3,544 00
" " .50 "	1 00
" personal estate	5,614 88
" real estate	62,114 35
Amount of warrant committed to the collector	<u>\$71,274 23</u>
additional assessments	136 17
Amount carried forward	<u>\$71,410 40</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$71,410 40
Less abatements	.	.	.	208 17
Net amount January 1, 1886	.	.	.	\$71,202 23
On which there has been collected			\$44,927 42	
And interest	.	.	.	72 58
				<u>\$45,000 00</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1885.

A. W. Brigham . . .	\$2 00	Mrs. C. W. Clinecard . . .	\$5 29
Banford Moorhouse . . .	2 00	Mrs. Mary E. Howard . . .	7 10
Henry Hunt . . .	4 39	Mrs. S. S. Twombly . . .	7 10
Gillam B. Wheeler . . .	14 75	Mrs. E. M. Morecomb . . .	7 10
S. F. Barrett . . .	5 40	Mrs. Lucy A. Barrett . . .	4 26
Walker P. Lowe . . .	36	Mrs. George Upham . . .	4 97
Clifton Fletcher . . .	14 20	Miss Joana Stackpole . . .	5 72
F. H. Torrey . . .	7 10	Miss Nancy S. Wilson . . .	2 84
R. W. Emerson & Co. . .	35 50	Misses Conway <i>et als.</i> . . .	12 66
C. E. Foss . . .	14 20	Miss C. Morgan . . .	15 62
F. J. Hunt . . .	7 10	Estate of F. D. Howe . . .	2 75
Samuel D. Taylor . . .	5 56	Michael Lucey . . .	2 00
George E. Phillips . . .	3 55	Joel Clemmons . . .	2 00
C. A. Messenger, Jr. . .	3 55		
Samuel A. Kimball . . .	7 10		\$208 17
John P. Averill . . .	2 00		

FOR YEAR 1884.

Net amount of collector's books, January 1,			
1885, as per last report	.	.	\$64,550 76
Additional assessments in 1885	.	.	37 60
			<u>\$64,588 36</u>
Abatements made in 1885	.	.	133 22
Net amount, January 1, 1886	.	.	\$64,455 14
On which there has been collected		\$62,609 13	
And interest	.	.	890 87
			<u>\$63,500 00</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1884, DURING 1885.

Mrs. Mary R. Prince . . .	\$6 90	Albert F. Fisher . . .	\$2 00
Scott . . .	2 00	Geo. E. Fenn . . .	2 00
Estate of Jacob Gobel . . .	5 52	Fountain . . .	2 00
S. A. Lovejoy . . .	13 80	James Garvin . . .	2 00

L. S. Leighton	\$6 90	James D. Hodges	\$2 00
Edgar P. Chase	2 00	Geo. Wells Harris	2 00
Miss Cythia Howard	6 21	Sidney D. Howe	2 00
Mrs. Mary E. Howard	2 41	Chas. H. Howard	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Howard	6 90	Rufus Johnson	2 00
Mrs. N. K. Hunt	2 43	Wm. Holmes	2 00
H. H. Westgate	6 35	Geo. G. Lunt	2 00
Geo. E. White	2 00	John McLaughlin	2 00
Harry Oliver	2 00	James McBride	2 00
Daniel Bayne	2 00	Meeney	2 00
Geo. E. Burnham	2 00	Henry Morcomb	2 00
Wallace Kimball	2 00	Mortimer	2 00
Crystal Lake Boat Club	2 76	Wm. H. Richardson	2 00
Joel Clemmens	2 00	Wm. F. Russell	1 00
Misses E. and M. Moody	11 04	Dennis Sullivan	2 00
John Day	2 00	J. E. Spear	2 00
C. H. Edmunds	2 00		
W. H. Eaton	2 00		
W. H. Earl	1 00		
			<u>\$133 22</u>

FOR YEAR 1883.

Net amount of collector's book Jan. 1, 1885, as	
per last report	\$62,986 65
Additional	2 00
	<u>\$62,988 65</u>
Abatements made in 1885	54 63
	<u>\$62,934 02</u>
Net amount Jan. 1, 1886	\$62,934 02
On which there has been collected	\$62,367 39
And interest	1,003 08
	<u>\$63,370 47</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1883, DURING 1885.

C. H. Edmunds	\$2 00	W. J. Reiley	\$2 00
W. H. Eaton	2 00	Dennis Sullivan	2 00
Rupert Everton	2 00	J. E. Spear	4 88
Albert F. Fisher	1 00	Isaac Watson	2 00
Louis Finger	2 00	Mrs. J. H. Thompson	7 20
Geo. G. Lunt	2 00	Geo. M. T. Piper	11 36
John McLaughlin	2 00	J. M. Critchett	6 19
Armstrong	2 00		
Clark	2 00		
W. H. Richardson	2 00		
			<u>\$54 63</u>

FOR YEAR 1882.

Net amount of collector's book, January 1, 1885,	
as per last report	\$57,707 03
Add error	10 00
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	\$57,717 03
Abatements made in 1885	34 00
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Net amount January 1, 1886	\$57,683 03
On which there has been collected	\$57,214 48
And interest	915 48
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	\$58,129 96

ABATEMENTS ON 1882 DURING 1885.

Melzer L. Avery	\$2 00	Henry Kennard	\$2 00
Howard Briggs	2 00	John McLaughlin	1 00
S. A. Cate	2 00	W. J. Reiley	2 00
Thomas Dermot	2 00	H. H. Reathrom	2 00
Charles B. Dodd	2 00	Dennis Sullivan	2 00
Albert F. Fisher	2 00	Eugene A. Snow	2 00
George Wells Harris	2 00	W. H. Earl	1 00
Stephen Hyde	2 00	Alfred R. Loring	2 00
Nicholas Johnson	2 00		
Henry Kramer	2 00		<hr/>
			\$34 00

FOR YEAR 1881.

Net amount of collector's book January 1, 1885,	
as per last report	\$53,892 51
Abatements made in 1885	4 41
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Net amount January 1, 1886	\$53,888 10
On which there has been collected	\$53,754 10
And interest	833 72
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	\$54,587 82

ABATEMENTS ON 1881 DURING 1885.

George E. Thomas	.	\$ 41	Charles H. Howard	.	\$2 00
George Wells Harris	.	2 00			<hr/>
					\$4 41

GEO. C. STANTIAL,
GILBERT N. HARRIS,
GEO. F. BOARDMAN,
Assessors of Melrose.

COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1885.

Amount of warrant and tax list as received from	
the assessors	\$71,274 23
Additional assessments	136 17
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	\$71,410 40
Abatements (see assessors' report)	208 17
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	\$71,202 23
Interest collected	72 58
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	\$71,274 81
Cash paid treasurer	45,000 00
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Balance unpaid January 1, 1886	\$26,274 81

MOSES F. EASTMAN,

Collector for 1885.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1884.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1885, as per last report		\$24,602 42
Additional		37 60
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		\$24,640 02
Abatements in 1885 (see assessors' report)		133 22
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		\$24,506 80
Interest collected in 1885		839 21
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		\$25,346,01
Paid treasurer in 1885		23,500 00
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Balance unpaid January 1, 1886		\$1,846 01

LEWIS G. COBURN,

Collector for 1884.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1883.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1885, as per last report	\$2,576 48
Additional	2 00
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	\$2,578 48
Abatements in 1885 (see assessors' report)	54 63
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	\$2,523 85
Interest collected in 1885	170 80
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	\$2,694 65
Paid treasurer in 1885	2,128 02
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Balance unpaid January 1, 1886	\$566 63

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1883.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1882.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1885, as per last report	\$527 37
Add error	100 00
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	\$627 37
Abatements in 1885 (see assessors' report)	34 00
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	\$593 37
Interest collected in 1885	30 14
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	\$623 51
Paid treasurer in 1885	154 96
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Balance unpaid January 1, 1886	\$468 55

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1882.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1881.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1885, as per last report	\$152 62
Abatements in 1885 (see assessors' report)	4 41
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	\$148 21
Interest paid in 1885	1 39
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	\$146 82
Paid treasurer in 1885	12 82
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Balance unpaid January 1, 1886	\$134 00

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1881.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

We hereby respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1885 :—

In making our report this year we wish to call the attention of the town to the necessity for an increased supply of hose, a part of our present supply being unfit for use. We therefore recommend the appropriation of \$1900 for the expenses of the department, and \$500 for new hose, and the unexpended balance of last year. We desire also to thank the officers and members of the department for the prompt obedience and harmony of the department which has characterized their efforts during the past year. The department embraces a membership of forty-five men, comprising four different companies, hook and ladder truck, and three hose carriages, all in good order, located as follows :—

Liberty Bigelow Hook and Ladder, No. 1, 15 men, in basement of town hall, Main street.

Russell Hose Company, No. 1, 10 men, Main street, opposite town hall.

N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2, 10 men, in Masonic Hall building, Main street, Wyoming.

Highland Hose Company, No. 3, 10 men, on Franklin street, Highlands, near depot.

All being under the control of three engineers.

There have been eleven alarms of fire from January 1, 1885, to January 1, 1886, given as follows :—

	Loss.
Mar. 15, house, owned by W. J. Farnsworth .	\$1,250 00
April 16, water tower, owned by Mr. Smith .	25 00

April 30, woods at Highlands	
May 12, woods	
June 16, moulding mill, owned by O. F. Ingalls	\$10 00
July 13, woods	
" 21, woods	
August 17, house and barn, owned by Mrs. J. M. Critchett	800 00
Sept. 13, house, owned by E. A. Harriman .	800 00
Oct. 14, barrels of lime	15 00
Dec. 30, moulding mill, owned by O. F. Ingalls	10 00
Total amount of loss by fires	\$2,910 00
Total amount of insurance	1,566 50
Amount of loss above insurance	<u>\$1,343 50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. LYNDE,

W. B. ELLIS,

JOHN SINGER,

Engineers of Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

To the Town of Melrose :

The Melrose Water Board has the honor to submit its Sixteenth Annual Report, agreeably to the requirements of an Act of the Legislature, together with the report of the Superintendent, to which we invite attention as containing a statement in detail of the condition and operations of this department for the year ending December 31, 1885.

Your Commissioners take pleasure in being able to report a favorable condition of the pond, notwithstanding the increased number of water-takers and the consequent increased consumption, the water at this date being only $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches below high-water mark.

It is believed that the water works are now in as good condition as at any time since their construction ; and we are pleased to note the marked increase of the earnings of the works for the year.

At a legal town meeting held June 2, 1885, a special committee of five was appointed, consisting of your Water Board, N. D. Blake and W. F. Sherman, to contract for and cause to be made a suitable reservoir and such other enlargements, extensions and improvements of our present water service as will give to the inhabitants of the town a full supply of water ; and for particulars regarding the operations of this special committee, we would respectfully refer to their report, which is hereto appended.

At the last annual town meeting a committee was appointed, consisting of the Water Board, Nathan D. Blake and

John B. Souther, to revise the water rates and to prepare by-laws. Said committee will report at the next annual meeting.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year as follows : —

For hydrants, town hall, school-houses, engine and hose houses, fountains, and drinking fountains	\$2,000 00
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TABLE SHOWING LEVELS BELOW SPOT POND ROLLWAY.

Surveys made in 1884 by PERCY M. BLAKE, C. E., and
GEORGE H. BISHOP, C. E.

Below Rollway. Feet.	
0.00	Rollway.
5.61	Lowest point on pipe line between Woodland av. & Ravine road.
22.39	Summit of Ravine road, near spring barrel in ground.
83.00	Northwest corner Ravine road and Washington street.
92.20	Intersection of Ravine road and Wyoming avenue.
97.19	Intersection of Trenton street and Wyoming avenue.
98.53	West rail Boston & Maine Railroad at Wyoming station.
0.37	Piazza floor of W. P. Sargent's house on Wyoming Hill.
99.62	Intersection Berwick street and Wyoming avenue.
91.56	Corner Maine and Foster streets.
86.06	Fall from Rollway to top of underpinning of Town Hall.
32.00	Sill of lower window of J. O. Norris's house, Cedar park.
92.17	Intersection of Main and Essex streets.
41.09	Intersection of Upham street and Bellevue avenue.
13.78	Sill of Upham street school-house.
18.00	In front of G. W. Chipman's house on extension of Tremont St.
3.00	Top of hill, opposite G. W. Chipman's house.
73.00	Track of Boston & Maine R.R. 100 feet north of Franklin St.
18.00	Foundation of P. W. Curry's house, Orris street.
3.16	Doleful Pond above Spot Pond, November 13, 1884.

WATER TAKERS, 1886.

Families	1,224
Apothecaries	4
Aquarium	1
Armory	1
Barber shops	3
Bakehouses	2
Blacksmith shop	1
Churches	6
Carriage shop	1
Engine and hose houses	4
Fish markets	3
Greenhouses	6
Hand hose	306
Hydrants	109
Halls	6
Livery and boarding stables	4
Manufactories	7
Motors	2
Ornamental fountains	6
Private stables	31
Printing-office	1
Public drinking fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad depots	4
Standpipes	3
School-houses	10
Stores and shops	14
Truck and cart stables	20
Number of water-takers as per register 1886, 1404	
Number of water-takers as per register 1885, 1280	
Increase over 1885	124

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount received for Water Rates exclusively.

1860-71	\$3,909 29
1872	5,141 84
1873	6,133 88
1874	7,202 31
1875	7,882 85
1876	8,788 93
1877	8,850 45
1878	9,267 95
1879	9,717 13
1880	9,863 14
1881	10,223 84
1882	10,818 84
1883	12,826 05
1884	13,695 51
1885	15,192 79

Estimated income for 1886, 16,800 00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water works to January 1, 1885 . \$189,441 98

Expended this year as follows : —

Goodhue & Birnie, cement pipe .	\$1,799 50
S. E. Benson, cement	290 00
Walworth Mfg. Co., gate-boxes .	51 00
Ludlow Valve Co., hydrants . .	69 70
Geo. H. Sampson, powder . . .	19 58
Chapman Valve Co., gates . . .	189 68
Pattee & Draper, hydrants . . .	128 00
Bingham & Taylor, gate-boxes . .	24 00
Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., iron pipe	178 71
Somerville Iron Foundry, stop-boxes	137 70

<i>Amounts carried forward .</i>	\$2,887 87	\$189,441 98
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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$2,887 87	\$189,441 98
Summers & Hunt, corporation stops	200 00	
Dalton & Ingersoll, stop-cocks	100 73	
Thomas McCoubry, repairing tools	85 20	
Labor bills, labor	1,443 50	
A. C. Chick, blasting	88 87	
L. T. Freeman, teaming	31 50	
J. C. Howes, labor and material	23 00	
Cunningham Iron Works, service pipe	425 00	
	<hr/>	5,285 67
Cost of water works to January 1, 1886		<hr/> \$194,727 65

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, 1885.

Mosler, Bowen & Co., safe	\$75 00
Summers & Hunt, fittings and stops	30 90
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	23 24
M. F. Eastman, pine wood	1 70
George B. Sargent, letter-press	7 75
J. C. Howes, labor, material and horse hire	483 08
City of Malden, service pipe	19 79
P. D. Meston, binding reports	6 25
S. P. Rowell, hanging map	1 25
S. E. Tinckham, drawing map	58 00
Percy M. Blake, taking levels and making report	100 00
Addison Lane, salary and expense	1,031 74
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing special reports	40 96
C. E. Bruce, directory	2 00
T. W. Ripley, printing reports	7 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,888 66

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	\$1,888 66
J. S. Austin, horse hire	.	.	51 00
Parker & Wood, hardware	.	.	12 25
Frost & Adams, blue prints	.	.	3 20
C. G. Harris, cotton cloth	.	.	2 11
John Larrabee, auditing books	.	.	15 00
Cunningham Iron Works, iron pipe	.	.	435 99
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, oiling washstand	.	.	75
H. A. Leonard, sand	.	.	8 25
William L. Williams, printing	.	.	23 50
S. E. Benson, cement	.	.	26 28
Ætna Rubber Co., enamelled cloth	.	.	26 85
Alden B. Smith, hammer handles and scraper	.	.	3 30
New England News Co., stationery	.	.	19 70
J. P. Deering, lumber	.	.	4 32
Edwards Brothers, derrick	.	.	12 00
M. C. Warren, tape measure	.	.	1 25
O. F. Ingalls, office counter	.	.	66 50
George W. Bartlett, horse hire	.	.	95 50
Eastman's Express, expressing	.	.	58 93
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., rubber boots	.	.	12 90
Wiley & Richardson, lead and oil	.	.	7 14
Boston & Maine R.R., freight bills	.	.	18 21
Labor bills, labor	.	.	2,253 68
Thomas McCoubry, repairing tools	.	.	45 10
Dalton & Ingersoll, Newport stops	.	.	70 00
Wingate P. Sargent, commissioner	.	.	50 00
Wilber D. Fiske,	"	.	50 00
John R. Jones,	"	.	50 00
H. B. Newhall, distributing notices	.	.	2 50
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			\$5,314 87
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	\$5,314 87

Amount brought forward \$5,314 87

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, 1885, coupons on \$50,000 .	\$1,500 00	
July 1, " " " \$100,000 .	3,000 00	
Oct. 1, " " " \$50,000 .	1,500 00	
Jan. 1, 1886, " " \$100,000 .	3,000 00	
	<hr/>	9,000 00
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		\$14,314 87

RECEIPTS.

Received from town for use of water	\$2,000 00	
" " city of Malden for care		
of gate house, &c. .	345 05	
" for stock sold . .	62 96	
" " stone " . .	8 50	
" " notices . .	1 20	
" " shutting off . .	2 00	
" " water rates . .	15,192 79	
" on pipe account . .	1,283 28	
	<hr/>	\$18,895 78

CONTRA.

Paid on interest account . .	\$9,000 00	
" maintenance account . .	5,314 87	
	<hr/>	14,314 87
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Surplus for the year		\$4,580 91

Furniture, Stock and Tools on hand January 1, 1886.

Office furniture	\$433 00
Tools of all kinds	200 00
Stock	923 88
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	\$1,556 88

WINGATE P. SARGENT.

W. D. FISKE.

J. R. JONES.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Melrose Water Commissioners:

Gentlemen, — In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith submit to you my annual report, giving in detail the operations of this department, showing the progress and present condition of the works, together with a condensed statement of the receipts for the year ending December 31, 1885.

The past season has been a very busy one. The building of houses in localities off the lines of pipe and laying out of new streets has greatly increased the demand for new services and extension of the street mains, consequently a larger amount has been expended than in previous years. But few leaks have occurred, and all parts of the works are in good condition.

THE POND.

The supply of water has been of good quality and abundant in quantity, the pond being unusually full for this time of year. The following record will show the condition of the pond during the year 1885:

RECORD.

Rise and Fall of the Pond in 1885.

Jan.	1.	Water was	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	inches below high-water mark.					
"	10.	" "	29 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	20.	" "	24 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	30.	" "	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"	"	"
Feb.	10.	" "	23	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	20.	" "	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	28.	" "	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mar.	10.	" "	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	20.	" "	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"	"	"

Mar. 30.	Water	was	18	inches	below	high-water	mark.
April 10.	"	"	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 20.	"	"	13	"	"	"	"
" 30.	"	"	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
May 10.	"	"	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
" 24.	"	"	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	the highest point.		
" 30.	"	"	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	inches	below	high-water	mark.
June 10.	"	"	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 20.	"	"	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 30.	"	"	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
July 10.	"	"	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 20.	"	"	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 30.	"	"	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
Aug. 10.	"	"	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
" 20.	"	"	29 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 30.	"	"	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
Sept. 10.	"	"	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
" 20.	"	"	36 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 30.	"	"	39 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
Oct. 10.	"	"	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
" 13.	"	"	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	the lowest point.		
" 20.	"	"	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	below high-water mark.		
" 30.	"	"	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
Nov. 10.	"	"	37 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 20.	"	"	38	"	"	"	"
" 30.	"	"	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
Dec. 10.	"	"	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
" 20.	"	"	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
" 30.	"	"	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"

RECORD OF RAINFALL AT SPOT POND.

1885.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Inches.	5.53	3.53	0.98	3.79	3.95	3.93	
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
	1.70	5.87	1.26	6.11	6.33	2.03	45.01

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

1874. — Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.
1875. — Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full, June 23. Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.
1876. — Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full, March 25.
1877. — Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full, March 15.
1878. — Lowest point, $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full, Jan. 15. Pond full second time, Dec. 14.
1879. — Lowest point, 45 inches, Dec. 20. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.
1880. — Lowest point $63\frac{1}{4}$ inches, Dec. 30; highest point, May 10; being then 12 inches below high-water mark.
1881. — Lowest point, 65 inches, Jan. 8, at which time the water was down to the top of the pipe at the gate-house: commenced pumping and continued until Jan. 22. The pump was started again Feb. 6, and run until Feb. 13. Pond full and running over from March 22 to April 30. Next lowest point, 32 inches, Dec. 22.
1882. — Lowest point, $37\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Dec. 21. Pond full and running over at waste-way from March 3 to April 3.
1883. — Lowest point, 82 inches, Dec. 30. The highest point reached was 15 inches below high-water mark, May 30. Commenced pumping Sept. 23, and continued to pump to this time, Dec. 31.
1884. — Lowest point, $82\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Jan. 1. Pond full and running over from April 16 to May 10. Next lowest point, $40\frac{1}{4}$ inches, Nov. 23.
1885. — Lowest point, $41\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Oct. 13. The highest point reached was on May 24, when it was $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches below high-water mark.

STREET MAINS.

One hundred and eighty-five (185) feet of 8-inch iron pipe has been laid on Goodyear avenue. Three hundred and thirty-five (335) feet of 6-inch pipe, three thousand six hundred and six (3606) feet of 4-inch pipe, four hundred and forty-seven (447) feet of 2-inch pipe, and two hundred and ninety (290) feet of 1½-inch pipe has been laid the past season.

Fifty (50) feet of 4-inch pipe on Trenton street, running through a culvert, has been taken up and re-laid below the bottom of the culvert.

Nine leaks have occurred in the main pipes and been repaired. Four of these were caused by lightning.

TABLE SHOWING LOCATION, SIZE, LENGTH, &C., OF MAINS LAID IN 1885.

Street.	Location.	Length in feet of each size.						Gates.	Hydrants.	Cost.
		8	6	4	2	1 1-4	3-4			
Goodyear Ave.	Extended (west)	185						1		\$332 00
Goodyear "	From Washington (west)			380					1	486 00
Bellevue "	Connected with Upham		210				Ledge	1		185 00
Cleveland St.	From Maple (south)			682				1	1	400 00
Franklin "	From Warren (west)			200						175 00
Orris "	From Vinton (west)			430				1		400 00
Glen "	From Trenton (west)			232				1		145 00
Fifth "	From Grove (north)			770				2		595 00
Youle "	Extended (west)			657					1	700 00
Second "	From Fifth (east)		125				Ledge	1	1	130 00
Albion "	Extended (north)			255						125 00
Melrose "	Hydrant								1	40 00
Felton Place	From Upham (north)				245			1		150 00
Grundy "	From Trenton (east)				202			1		120 00
Faulkner "	From Main (west)					145		1		75 00
Gordon "	From Main (west)					145		1		75 00
Service pipe	From main pipe to street line						2560			1152 67
	Total	185	335	3606	447	290	2560	12	5	\$5285 67

HYDRANTS.

Five new hydrants have been added to the fire service since the last report ; namely, —

One on Melrose street, west of the Arch bridge.

One on Second street, east of Fifth street.

One on Cleveland street, near Hurd street.

One on Goodyear avenue, west from Washington street.

One on Youle street, near Mrs. Vinton's.

One on Emerson street, near the High School building, has been taken out and reset to conform to the grade of the street.

One on Main street has been reset and placed nearer the edge of the sidewalk.

One on Florence street has had a new valve put in.

Whole number now in use, one hundred and nine.

The following record will show the number of leaks that have occurred and been repaired in 1885: —

Feb. 11. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Main street.

Feb. 23. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Tremont street.

March 6. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Main street, Reading hill. Burst by freezing.

March 7. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Upham street.

March 7. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Winthrop street.

March 27. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Myrtle street. Rusty pipe.

March 27. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Myrtle street.

May 29. — Repaired leak in 6-inch gate on Vinton street. New stuffing-box and valve-stem.

Aug. 3. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Belmont street. Damaged by lightning.

Aug. 24. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Grove street. Leak in joint.

Aug. 24. — Lightning struck the house on the corner of Ashland and Melrose street, following the service pipe out

to the street main and bursting it in two places. Repaired by cutting in new pipe.

Aug. 26. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Melrose street, damaged by lightning August 24.

Sept. 3. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Trenton street. Rust hole.

Oct. 16. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Grove street. New stop.

Oct. 20. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Youle street.

Nov. 6. — Repaired leak in hydrant on Florence street. New valve.

Nov. 17. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Berwick street. Rusty pipe.

Dec. 15. — Repaired leak in 6-inch pipe on New Foster street. Leak in joint.

Gates set in 1885.

Ten new gates have been added to the pipe lines since the last report ; as follows : —

One 8-inch gate on Goodyear avenue, east of Washington street.

One 6-inch gate on Bellevue avenue, north of Upham street.

One 6-inch gate on Second street, south of Fifth street.

One 4-inch gate on Cleveland street, south of Maple street.

One 4-inch gate on Orris street, west of Vinton street.

One 4-inch gate on Melrose street, south of Vinton street.

One 4-inch gate on Fifth street, north of Grove street.

One 4-inch gate on Fifth street, south of Second street.

One 2-inch gate on Felton place, north of Upham street.

One 2-inch gate on Grundy place, east of Trenton street.

Making one hundred and twenty-nine (129) gates of various sizes now in use.

Eight gate boxes of wood have been replaced with iron.

SERVICE PIPES.

The large number of houses built the past year has greatly increased the applications for new services, one hundred and eight having been laid the past season, and one 2-inch pipe carried to Small Bros.' factory for a fire service.

Table of service pipe laid.

2	inch pipe, fire service	200 feet
1 $\frac{1}{4}$	" " from main pipe to street line .	470 "
1	" " " " " " " " " .	493 "
$\frac{3}{4}$	" " " " " " " " " .	2,560 "
$\frac{3}{4}$	" " " street line to cellar . . .	3,067 "

Total number of services connected with the mains at the present time, twelve hundred and thirteen. Three have been shut off for non-payment of water rent, two remaining off at the present time.

Services relaid.

Thirty-five services have been taken up and relaid and the rusty pipe and couplings taken out and replaced with new.

Ninety-four iron service boxes have been set in place of wooden ones that were decayed.

On account of the severe cold in February and March, eleven services were frozen in the street, and had to be dug up and thawed.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

The town having voted to have a drinking fountain placed in Main street that would afford water in the winter season, one of the old iron fountains was taken out, and the town has replaced it with a good, substantial stone fountain that flows all winter.

STANDPIPES.

There are three standpipes for watering carts, the number remaining the same as in the previous year, only two of them having been used the past season.

FINANCIAL.

In addition to the above, I have, as Water Registrar, collected for water rates the sum of \$15,192.79, and from other sources \$1702.99, making a total of \$16,895.78, which sum has been paid to the town treasurer, for which I hold his receipts.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers and the amounts paid by each; also the amounts received from other sources:

Received from families	.	.	\$12,640 02
" " stores and shops	.	.	198 25
" " manufactories	.	.	491 50
" " use of hose	.	.	909 00
" " stables	.	.	513 87
" " motors	.	.	23 50
" " meters	.	.	71 90
" " greenhouses	.	.	113 00
" " halls	.	.	66 75
" " fountains and aquarium	.	.	31 00
" " churches	.	.	57 00
" " depots	.	.	56 00
" " use of standpipe	.	.	15 00
" " private school	.	.	6 00
			<hr/> \$15,192 79
" " city of Malden	.	.	\$345 05
" " pipe account	.	.	1,283 28
" " stock sold, &c.	.	.	74 66
			<hr/> 1,702 99
Total	.	.	<hr/> \$16,895 78

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE,

Superintendent.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Albion.....			477				1		
Allen Place.....				138				1	
Ashland.....			1,955		2		3		
Auburn.....			372				1		
Avon.....			422				1		
Baxter.....			484		1		1		
Bellevue Avenue.....		410	1,000		2	1	1		
Belmont.....			376				1		
Berwick.....			1,226½		1		2		
Brazil.....			1,115		2		2		
Cedar Park.....			1,206½	457	2		2		
Charles.....			335		1				
Chestnut.....			572		1		2		
Circuit.....			310				1		
Cleveland.....			682		1		1		
Cottage.....			1,142	193	2		2		
East.....			534				1		
Ellsworth Avenue.....				314				1	
Elm.....			1,057		1				
Emerald.....			508		1		2		
Emerson Place.....				251				1	
Emerson.....		743½	3,987		6	1	4		
Essex and Lake Ave.....			2,519		4		2		
Felton Place.....				245				1	
Fifth.....			770				2		
First.....		555			1	1			
Florence.....			1,340½		1		2		
Foster.....		507	1,470½		2	1	2		
Franklin.....		3,155½	560		4	2			
Glen.....			232				1		
Goodyear Avenue.....	1,235		398		4				2
Green.....		2,700			3	1			
Greenwood.....			353	637	1			1	
Grove.....		1,865	1,669½		4	1			
Grundy Place.....				202				1	
Herbert.....			220	158½			1		
High.....			376	600	1		1	1	
Highland Avenue.....				250				1	
Hillside Ave.....			337	291			1	1	
Howard.....			272	550			1	1	
Hurd.....			768				1		
Irving.....			387				1		
Lebanon.....			2,750		2		1		
Linden Place.....				286					
Linwood Av. & Lynde.....			2,960		3		1		

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME — *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Main		3,784	478	287	9	2	1	1	...
Maple and Poplar...			2,265½		2		3		...
Melrose			2,339½		2		1		...
Mt. Vernon			394		1		1		...
Myrtle and Lake Ave..			3,170		4		8		...
Ninth				255				1	...
Oakland			1,161		1		1		...
Orient			211				1		...
Orris			780	148			2	1	...
Otis				780					...
Perkins			236				1		...
Pleasant				1,125	1			1	...
Porter			2,514½		3		1		...
Pratt			378		1		1		...
Prospect Avenue...			500		1		1		...
Prospect			1,026		1		1		...
Rowe			950	552	2		3	1	...
School				495					...
Second		125			1	1			...
Seventh				288				1	...
Short and Main				470½					...
Stevens Place				216					...
Summer			701		2		1		...
Third			287				1		...
Tremont			3,180	500	2		4	1	...
Trenton		1,233	1,331½		1	2	2		...
Upham and Dell Ave.			6,771		5		4		...
Vine			691				1		...
Vinton		3,497½	436		6	3	1		...
Walnut			187½				1		...
Warren			632		2		1		...
Washington			1,760		2				...
Waverly Place			690½		1		1		...
Willow				663				1	...
Winter			241				1		...
Winthrop Place			520		1		1		...
Winthrop			695½				1		...
Wyoming Avenue ..			1,076		3		1		...
Youle			1,655½	342	2		1		...
Wastes, 27 x 24			51						...
80 Plugs			80						...
Total	1,235	18,575½	72,533½	10694	109	16	93	18	2

Total length of Street Mains, 19.51 + miles.

WATER RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00

Other charges as above.

When two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to \$20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers . . .	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath-houses . . .	10 00

STEAM ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not	.
over ten hours a day, for each horse-	.
power	\$6 00

BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day, for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates, special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note : —

“All parties wishing Spot Pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk's office.”

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

ON IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY FOR THE TOWN OF MELROSE.

To the Town of Melrose : —

We hereby respectfully submit a brief report of the operations of this committee up to the present date.

All the surveys, plans and maps for the entire work of the high service system have been completed; land for the reservoir and pumping station, with the right of way thereto, has been purchased; a suitable brick pumping station has been erected at the pond, and is ready to receive the machinery, which has been contracted for and is now under process of construction.

All the cast-iron pipe for the suction and force mains has been purchased and delivered. The suction main is laid out into the pond, and nearly all the force main has been laid.

The contract for building the reservoir has been let, work commenced on the same, and about one third completed.

A contract has been made with the city of Malden by which Melrose will come into full ownership and possession of the main pipe now used and owned in common, when the works are finished.

Operations were suspended in December for the winter. Work will be resumed in the spring as early as the weather will permit, and the entire system completed as soon thereafter as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. SHERMAN,

Secretary of Committee on Improved Water Supply.

Melrose, December 31, 1885.

REPORT

OF THE

WATER LOAN SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

The water loan sinking fund commissioners present the following report for the past year: —

Cash on hand January 1, 1885	\$487 48
Received interest on investments	969 58
" from water board, surplus income for 1884	4,643 08
Received from water board on account income for 1885	756 92
Received from sale of sundry securities — sold for the purpose of changing investments	11,198 75

We have bought for investment \$11,000 Melrose high service water bonds, 4's, at 106 and accrued interest, \$11,730-21, and have invested in mortgages on real estate \$6300.

The sinking fund stands at present date as follows:—

U.S. bonds, 4½%	\$3,500 00
City of Providence, 5%	1,000 00
Town of Melrose, 4%	11,000 00
Mortgages on real estate in Melrose	9,000 00
Cash	15 60
	\$24,515 60

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL RUSSELL,
ROYAL P. BARRY,
JOHN W. FARWELL,

Commissioners.

Melrose, January 1, 1886.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The report of the police department is as follows, for the year ending December 31, 1885 :—

Cases brought before the court.

1. Assault 4	12. Neglect to support
2. Breaking and entering 1	minors 2
3. Common drunk . . 1	13. Neglect to support
4. Drunks 13	wife 1
5. Stubborn and diso-	14. Selling mortgaged
bedient children . 2	property 2
6. Disturbing the peace 5	15. Truancy 3
7. Default warrant . 2	16. Vagrancy 3
8. Gaming on Lord's	17. Threatening . . . 6
day 1	18. Lodgers 67
9. Insane 2	19. Notices delivered . 63
10. Liquor nuisance . 4	20. Disturbances sup-
11. Larceny 3	pressed 8

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN,

Chief of Police.

THE MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1885.		DR.	
Feb. 10, }		To cash paid W. L. Williams, printing	\$25 25
Dec. 19, }			
Feb. 10, }		" " P. D. Meston, binding	119 85
Dec. 3, }			
Feb. 19, }		" " Mass. His. Soc., books	6 00
" 26, }		" " T. W. Ripley, reports	3 00
Mch. 3, }		" " J. B. Holmes, books	9.75
Dec. 28, }			
Mch. 5, }		" " De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books	482 71
Dec. 30, }			
Mch. 12, }		" " J. A. Lowell & Co., engraving	13 00
" 18, }		" " Town Weymouth, books	2 00
Apr. 7, }		" " G. B. Sargent, ribbons	1 75
Dec. 30, }			
Apr. 11, }		" " W. W. Wheildon, books	2 35
" 1, }		" " Miss C. M. Worthen, librarian	255 20
Dec. 30, }			
May 5, }		" " A. S. Clark, books	20 25
" 5, }		" " Fords, Howard & Co., books	10 00
" 14, }		" " U. S. War Department, "	2 67
Dec. 3, }			
May 14, }		" " Babb & Stephens, printing	20 00
" 16, }		" " Eastman's Express	13 95
Dec. 30, }			
June 1, }		" " J. B. Alden, books	7 40
" 2, }		" " Mrs. C. Cochran, books	20 00
" 9, }		" " S. A. Drake, "	5 00
" 10, }		" " N. J. Bartlett, "	13 90
" 16, }		" " W. A. Greenough, books	2 00
" 18, }		" " C. C. Morse & Son, books	1 12
" 23, }		" " Little, Brown & Co., "	1 67
Sept. 10, }		" " W. H. Beehler, "	3 00
" 21, }		" " J. W. Lewis & Co., "	3 50
Oct. 10, }			
Dec. 30, }		" " King & Merrill, stationery	2 75
Oct. 24, }		" " T. Y. Crowell & Co., books	5 00
Nov. 2, }			
Dec. 29, }		" " Library Bureau for reading-room	152 19
Nov. 19, }		" " E. Paul, painting "	62 00
Dec. 10, }		" " S. F. Oliver, gas fitting "	14 00
" 11, }		" " Small Bros., reading-room	120 00
" 19, }		" " Lawrence, Wilde & Co., curtains "	7 07
" 26, }		" " C. C. Barry, books	2 00
" 30, }		" " T. S. Love, carpentering "	28 69
" 30, }		" " H. N. Cass, frame "	10 00
" 30, }		" " Bubier & Co., umbrella stand "	4 00
Feb. 10, }		" " mucilage, P.O. box, keys, paper, ink, &c.	10 27
Dec. 30, }			
Balance on hand			1 38
			<u>\$1,464 67</u>

IN ACCOUNT WITH E. H. GOSS, TREASURER.

1885.	CR.	
Feb. 2,	Balance from account, 1884	\$54 27
Mch. 4,	By cash from town treasurer, dog tax, 1884	573 85
June 3, }	" " " librarian, fines	66 05
Dec. 30, }	" " " " catalogues	20 50
" " }	" " " town treasurer, appropriation	750 00
July 15, }		
Dec. 10, }		
		<u>\$1,464 67</u>



STATEMENT OF THE HORATIO NELSON PERKINS' FUND.

1885.	DR.	
Mch. 9, }	To cash paid G. P. Putnam's Sons, books	\$25 00
Oct. 28, }		
1886.		
Jan. 1,	Balance on hand	515 50
		<u>\$540 50</u>

1885.	CR.	
Jan. 1,	By balance in Melrose Savings Bank	\$520 20
	" interest to January 1, 1886	20 30
		<u>\$540 50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Melrose, January 1, 1886.

E. H. GOSS, *Treasurer.*

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The trustees of the public library present their fifteenth annual report.

The year has been eventful.

In the early days of the library, from November, 1871, to March, 1872, the esteemed chairman of the board of trustees, Frederic Kidder, Esq., then in the fulness of his strength, was accustomed to devote two evenings a week, in company with his fellow trustees, distributing books, doing the clerical work and advising the boys and girls what to read.

The apparent delight this work afforded him is something long to be remembered, and among the pleasant recollections of our friend will always be the picture of this man of studious habits, patiently serving the children of a younger generation.

Frederic Kidder was born in New Ipswich, N.H., April 16, 1804, and died in Melrose, December, 19, 1885.

He served as the chairman of our board of trustees from the foundation of the library until March, 1884, when, on account of failing health, he relinquished the position and was succeeded by Mr. Thomas B. Peck.

After retiring from business in 1869, he devoted himself diligently to historical studies, and is well known as the author of several books, besides numerous magazine articles, all in his chosen department of literature.

His published works are as follows : —

Eastern Maine and Nova Scotia in the Revolution, 1867.

The First New Hampshire Regiment in the Revolution, 1868.

History of the Boston Massacre, 1870.

The Expedition of John Lovewell, 1875.

The Swedes on the Delaware and their Intercourse with New England, 1878.

The Discovery of North America by John Cabot, 1878.

So long as health and strength remained he was of great service to the town, and will live in the memory of men by reason of his faithfulness in the discharge of duty.

As a writer he will be remembered for his patient and untiring investigation for historic truth, and his books will serve to illustrate his character.

Appropriate resolutions were placed on our records, published in the "Melrose Journal," and forwarded to Mr. Kidder's nephew in New York.

The income of the "Horatio N. Perkins' Fund" has been expended in the purchase of the complete works of Alexander Hamilton, edited by Henry Cabot Lodge. Six volumes are already in the library.

At the town meeting in March, 1885, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars and the dog tax was appropriated for the public library and reading-room.

Mrs. Ruby F. Farwell was elected a member of the board of trustees.

In June, after some correspondence with the trustees, Mr. George W. Ellison, brother of our townsman Mr. Samuel Ellison, presented to the library his private collection of books. It consisted of fifty-eight volumes, in excellent state of preservation and very carefully selected. Under date of 3d of June, Mr. Ellison says, "These volumes have been a source of great pleasure and consolation to me, serving to while away many a happy hour. Long-continued ill-health admonishes me that I cannot expect to continue much longer to use them, and that it is much better they should serve as part of a public library than remain any longer idle on my shelves. They are all standard works, including history, biography, voyages, travels, poetry, &c."

Is not this an example to be followed by many of our citizens?

When, on March 27, 1871, the town voted to establish a "public library and reading-room" it was not anticipated that fourteen years would pass before the vote could be fully carried into effect.

It is with keenest pleasure, therefore, that we look back over the record of this year and mark the establishment of the public reading-room as an accomplished fact.

Your trustees met with unexpected difficulties in endeavoring to secure the use of the room occupied by the school committee, and not until June was a favorable reply to our request received from the secretary of the board.

After the summer vacation other difficulties were encountered, but in November contracts were made for fitting and furnishing. By arrangement with the school board the room is used temporarily by both parties.

The doors of the reading-room were thrown wide open to the people Wednesday evening, December 16, 1885, with congratulatory remarks by the chairman of the board of trustees, Mr. Goss, and a cordial letter from the chairman of the selectmen, Mr. Levi S. Gould.

The room is sunny, attractive and homelike.

The heavier articles of furniture, including magazine case, reading desk, paper rack, &c., of ash, were made to order by Small Brothers; the chairs, tables, binders, &c., were furnished by the Library Bureau. The decorations of walls and ceiling was by Edward Paul. The carpentry by Mr. Love.

The trustees acknowledged with pleasure the valued services of Mr. H. E. Davidson of the Library Bureau, who as a citizen gave his personal attention to carrying out the plans for fitting up the reading-room and spent much time in arranging the files for magazines and papers. His suggestions were of much value to the trustees.

The room has been open (excepting the two evenings in each month, and an afternoon, occasionally, when it is used by the school board) every evening during the week, and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

The attendance in December averaged two hundred per week; and on Saturdays all the available facilities are taxed to meet the requirements.

It is pleasant and inspiring to see the use that is made of the magazines and papers, especially those of a scientific character. It is noteworthy that the "Scientific American" attracts more readers than any other paper.

No sooner had the reading-room opened than gifts were presented; and scarcely a week goes by without the addition of some attractive and appropriate memorial of the good-will of the townspeople.

The first gift was an engraving of "The senate of the United States of the time of Henry Clay" from Mrs. Charlotte Cochran. In its antique gilt frame, setting off the admirable likenesses of well-known statesmen, it is very acceptable.

Mrs. Georgia Boardman, conceiving the idea of identifying the young people of the town in a practical manner with the new reading-room, devoted the net proceeds of an entertainment, given under her direction in the town hall, to the purchase of a handsome marble "Howard" clock, which was carefully placed in position for presentation Wednesday, January 20. It bears this inscription:

"Presented to the Melrose Public Library, by the children of the Mother Goose Club, Jan. 20, 1886."

At the appointed hour the club marched from the upper hall, in gay array, and filled the reading-room.

The clock was presented by Miss Annie E. Whelden, in a neat address, and was accepted, with thanks, by Mr. Goss, on behalf of the trustees.

Scarcely had the applause died away when Rev. D. P. Livermore, with introductory remarks, presented to the library, as the gift of his esteemed wife, our townswoman, Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, the bust of Hon. Samuel E. Sewall, by Anne Whitney, sculptor.

The letter accompanying the gift was as follows : —

To the Trustees of the Melrose Public Library :

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, — Miss Whitney, the eminent sculptor of Boston, has made a very beautiful marble bust of Hon. Samuel E. Sewall, of Melrose, for the Memorial Hall of Lexington, Mass.

It was the costly gift of a woman who was grateful to Mr. Sewall for the eminent service he had rendered to women during the last fifty years.

At my request she has made a copy of this bust in plaster, of which I beg your acceptance, hoping that you may regard it worthy of a place in the new reading-room of our public library.

The noble character of our townsman, the unflinching integrity of his long life, and the worth of the services he has rendered the community, have won him our gratitude and regard, and make him a model for our young men to emulate.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

MARY A. LIVERMORE.

The bust stands on an elegant ebony pedestal, while the background of maroon velvet reveals the clear-cut and life-like lineaments of one who, in following steadfastly the promptings of duty, has won the confidence and esteem of men and women.

The gift is complete, appropriate and very acceptable.

During the same week, Mr. P. M. De Wolf presented a rare collection of Thanksgiving and Fast-day proclamations. Hon. Henry B. Peirce, our secretary of state, supplemented this collection by filling in the gaps, and adding those of former years, so that now we own a volume of which its duplicate is probably not in existence. It will be entitled "Proclamations : Thanksgiving and Fast Days, 1807-1885."

Our townsman Mr. Robert Burlen is now binding the collection in handsome shape as his part of the gift.

Major W. Irving Ellis has contributed a file of the National Tribune for 1885. This is a soldier's paper, giving

reminiscences of the war, and, especially, news from the various G.A.R. posts in the country. It is now being bound for the reading-room. This paper (on our list), full of war news, will be read with keen interest by the veterans of the army.

The last donation reported is from Mr. George Emerson, and consists of an oil painting of the "Joe Lynde Farm House," at Fells, by William Pearson, artist. The picture was painted in 1881, and gives a perfect view of the old white house as it used to look before the recent radical changes in this growing section of our town.

Mr. Pearson, the artist, a resident of Oak Grove for some years, took many sketches of the attractive scenery in and about Melrose, and the town is fortunate in becoming the owner of this picture.

The following list of magazines and papers will give a clear idea of the reading-room as an educational centre.

To our donors of books and papers we extend our sincere and hearty thanks.

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| Edinburgh Review. | Musical Herald. |
| British Quarterly. | Cassell's Magazine of Art. |
| Cornhill Magazine. | Art Amateur. |
| The Spectator. | American Naturalist. |
| The Eclectic. | American Agriculturist (Illus.). |
| Chambers' Journal. | Outing. |
| North American Review. | St. Nicholas. |
| Atlantic Monthly. | Harper's Young People. |
| Littell's Living Age. | Cottage Hearth. |
| The Chautauquan. | Youth's Companion. |
| Literary World. | Chautauqua Magazine for Young |
| Magazine of American History. | Folks. |
| Bay State Monthly. | Woman's Journal. |
| Journal of Education. | Our Message (W.C.T.U.). |
| Harper's Magazine. | The Nation. |
| The Century. | London Times (weekly). |
| Overland Monthly. | The Pilot. |
| English Illustrated Magazine | Springfield Republican. |
| Popular Science Monthly. | New York Tribune. |
| Science. | Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. |
| English Mechanic Weekly. | Chicago Inter-Ocean. |

The Electrician.	Alta California.
The Scientific American.	Louisville Courier Journal.
London Punch.	Charlestown News and Courier.
Illustrated London News.	The National Tribune (Illus.),
Harper's Weekly.	G.A.R.
Harper's Bazaar.	The Melrose Journal (all the
<i>Die Gartenlaube.</i>	local news).

GIFTS OF PAPERS AND MAGAZINES TO THE READING-ROOM.

Scientific American,	}	William L. Williams.
Youth's Companion,		
North American Review,		
Melrose Journal (2 copies),		
Journal of Commerce,		
Journal of Education,	}	H. E. Davidson.
The Electrician,		
Bay State Monthly,		
The Dial,	}	George Lowell Austin.
Atlantic Monthly,		
Woman's Journal,		
Our Message,		
The Literary World,		
Cottage Hearth,		Mrs. Mary A. Livermore.
		Daniel Jefferson.
		F. P. Shumway, Jr.

We annex the statistics for the year.

It will be noticed that the papers selected are representative of the life of the nation: New England, the Metropolis, the South, the Southwest, the Central States of Ohio and Illinois, and the Pacific Coast.

The magazines and periodicals embrace general literature, science and art. The old world and the new alike contribute to furnish a feast of good things. All, young and old, are welcome to partake.

DONATIONS.

Pamphlets.

Number of pamphlets reported last year	.	.	.	707
Annual report of the Boston Public Library	.	.	.	1
" " " " Chicago " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Holbrook " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Lancaster " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Malden " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Manchester (N.H.) Public Library				1
" " " " Newton " "				1
" " " " Watertown " "				1
" " " " Woburn " "				1

History and Dedication of the Sawyer Free Library at Gloucester,	1
Chairs of New England Governors, Rev. E. F. Slater	1
The Indian Evangelical Review	1
Historical sketches of the Universities and Colleges of U.S.,	
Dr. F. B. Hough	1
The Early Northern Lights in New England, S. A. Green	1
The Tuftonian	12
Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent Office	62
Number of pamphlets now in library	795

*Books.**Donors.*

Private Library of G. W. Ellison, Esq., 58 v.	G. W. Ellison.
The Theatre	J. W. Leeds.
Melrose School Committee Report	Rev. Clifton Fletcher.
Tenth Census of U.S., 4 v.	L. Z. Bowman.
Woman Suffrage Defended	Rev. D. P. Livermore.
Divine Law of Cure	Mrs. T. W. Ripley.
Primitive Mind Cure	“ “ “ “
Prayer Book of Episcopal Church of Confederate States,	W. L. Williams.
List of persons whose names have been changed in Mass.	
Geneology of the Early Settlers of New England and others,	M. S. Page.
Dedication of Crane Memorial Hall and address of Chas. F. Adams, Quincy,	

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Number of volumes in library January 1, 1885	5,905
purchased this year	583
donated “ “	71
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1886	6,559
Number of persons using library January 1, 1885	1,907
cards issued this year	311
“ relinquished	19
	292
Number of persons using the library January 1, 1886	2,199
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	499

Smallest number of volumes issued in one day	(Stormy Monday.)	44
Average	“ “ “ “ on Mondays	91
“	“ “ “ “ on Saturdays	365
Whole	“ “ “ “ in March	2,801
“	“ “ “ “ in May	2,614
“	“ “ “ “ in November	2,670
“	“ “ “ “ in December	2,581
“	“ “ “ “ this year	30,663
Increase in circulation this year		1,216
Books replaced this year		73
“ rebound “ “		465

The library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings and Monday evenings, with the exception of the customary holidays.

Both the library and reading-room are under the care of

Miss Carrie M. Worthen, Librarian.

Miss Rose Silva,
Miss Rose Gibbons,
Miss Helen Eastman, } Assistants.

During 1886 it will be necessary to expend considerable money in the library room.

The ceiling, which is in a damaged condition from water, will need repairing and whitening. A new alcove for books must be built without delay, and proper accommodation made for pamphlets which are not in condition for general use.

The reading-room expenditure for periodicals, papers, assistant, janitor, &c., though now extremely reasonable, must necessarily increase from year to year in proportion to the growth of the town.

One of the problems which the citizens of Melrose must solve within a year or two is the erection of a public library building, either in the nature of a memorial hall, or otherwise, as may best serve public use.

Nothing conduces to the growth and perpetuity of free

institutions to so great a degree as the constant contemplation, by young and old, of the brave and patriotic deeds of their fathers, and, in the absence of any other monument to the soldiers who died in the war of the rebellion, nothing more fitting, it seems to me, could well be done than to erect a building which shall serve for all time as an inspiration and education both of heart and head.

For the year 1886 the trustees request an appropriation for the library and reading-room of seven hundred and fifty dollars and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY,

Secretary.

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
THOMAS B. PECK,		
CHARLES C. BARRY,		
RUBY F. FARWELL,		
HANNAH LYNDE,		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MELROSE,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1885.

MELROSE:
PRINTED BY T. W. RIPLEY,
1886.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1885—1886.

ORGANIZATION.

CLIFTON FLETCHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Chairman.</i>
MRS. S. W. BRADBURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Secretary.</i>
MRS A. K. MILLER	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Supply Agent.</i>

COMMITTEE.

THOMAS W. RIPLEY	-	-	-	-	Term expires	1887.
MRS. S. W. BRADBURY	-	-	-	-	" "	1887.
CLIFTON FLETCHER	-	-	-	-	" "	1886.
MRS. J. G. ADAMS	-	-	-	-	" "	1886.
S. R. WINCHELL	-	-	-	-	" "	1888.
MRS. A. K. MILLER	-	-	-	-	" "	1888.

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School Funds and Expenses for 1885.

Estimated Expenses for Ensuing Year.

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EXPENDITURES.

We are obliged to announce that the school appropriation has been exceeded by a few hundred dollars. A part of this deficit actually belonged to the previous year. At the first Board meeting in Jan., '85, bills that had been laid over were approved, amounting to nearly eight hundred dollars. But there were other causes for the present deficit. Among these was an underestimate of school supplies; only \$1,250 was judged necessary, and only that sum was appropriated for free text-books and all other school material. The actual amount paid out has been \$1,739.89. Another cause was the unexpected outlay for essential improvements, which had not been fully anticipated or provided for. Previous to the summer vacation, the sanitary condition of several school-buildings, especially the Centre, became exceedingly offensive. Vigorous measures were immediately taken to remedy the evil. At the Centre, the water-closets were removed from the basement and placed in a new building in the rear, with what is believed to be the best modern improvements. The expense, for which there was no appropriation, was a little less than \$500.

At the Vinton and Lynde Street buildings other sanitary improvements were made, amounting to \$300 or more. At the High-School building, the basement was recemented, the hard-wood finish in the halls, rooms, and stairways thoroughly oiled, and several other changes made; the whole cost was not far from \$300. For rent of school-room at the Fells, \$200 was expended; and for new furniture, repairs, expressing, and other items, various sums, amounting to several hundreds of dollars.

Some important things were necessarily left to be cared for during the incoming year. Among these, the painting of the Grove-Street School-house; concrete walks at the Franklin School; a new furnace, or other heating arrangement, at the Centre, and possibly elsewhere; better sanitary accommodations at the High School, and other usual outlays.

There will also be required new furniture for one or more school-rooms, and considerable expense on the steep walks and grounds at the new school-building at the Fells.

INCREASE OF PUPILS.

The maximum number in all our schools has been eleven hundred and sixty-one. Ten years ago, the maximum number was seven hundred and forty-two; an increase in the ten years of four hundred and nineteen, and of the last year seventy-four, or nearly enough for two new schools. Probably the whole number of children of lawful school age in our town at the present time is not far from twelve hundred. Some of these attend private schools, some little ones are taught at home, and perhaps a few, by reason of sickness, poverty, or the cupidity of parents, remain untaught. The maximum number in our High School, the past year, has been one hundred and fourteen,—a gain of six during the year, and of forty during ten years. At the end of the next ten years, it will doubtless number one hundred and fifty pupils, and the whole number of school children in the town be nearly two thousand. It is quite certain our Town cannot afford to do less than furnish the best facilities for all its educational interests.

TRUANCY.

In regard to truancy, there have been, as in years gone by, a few inveterate cases. Two boys, who proved to be wholly incurable,—leaders in desertion, falsehood, and mischief,—were brought before the Police Court at Malden, and sentenced to one and two years' service in the Reformatory School at Lowell. In that Institution they will not only be compelled to adopt habits of neatness, industry, and truthfulness, but to attend school a portion of each day. While we sympathize with the grief of the parents, we feel sure that the best good of the lads, as well as of the town, will be promoted by their remaining and working out the full term of

their sentences. The rough, rowdy, and dangerous element of society is the ripened product of bad boys. The only sure means of diminishing the number of future criminals is to take good care of wilful truants,—boys who want to loaf on the street day and night, and hang around places of bad resort. An ounce of prevention is a pound of wisdom.

PRINCIPALS.

During the year, certain changes and innovations have been introduced, with the hope of adding somewhat to the harmony and value of the school work. Experience alone will decide whether these innovations are beneficial or otherwise. One of these is the following: At a Board meeting it was moved and voted: "That in each school-building containing two or more schools the teacher of the highest grade be required to act as principal. That the duties of said principal shall consist in exercising a partial oversight, kind and judicious, of the work done in all the rooms; in seeing that proper order is maintained in halls, corridors, basements, and play-grounds; that janitors be properly informed in regard to any oversight or delinquency of duty; that, under continued neglect, complaint be promptly sent to the Committee; that all needed repairs of doors, locks, closets, seats, desks, etc., be reported to the proper sub-committee." The above regulations are designed to give a responsible head to each school-building, and harmonize in a greater degree the work of the different teachers.

HIGH-SCHOOL BUILDING.

The Board has always felt that the interior construction of this building was somewhat unfortunate. They do not believe, however, that any good can be accomplished by exaggerated, unjust, and heated criticisms. Putting aside all prejudice, it is but fair to say that the apartments on the first and second stories are not seriously objectionable. The rooms are large,

high-posted, and well ventilated. They have the sunlight a portion of every day. According to our latest architects, the large amount of northern light is no objection. Possibly, if the rooms were heated by steam, they might be more comfortable during the extreme cold days of winter. That is worthy of consideration. There is needed a small apartment conveniently fitted up and furnished for laboratory work in chemical and physical sciences ; also, a small library room for works on Botany, History, Geology, Astronomy, Physiology, and other kindred topics. Furthermore, under our present law of furnishing free text-books and other school supplies, there is needed a suitable room for the storing of these during vacations and other times. It is evident we must have larger accommodations in the near future. One of two things will be necessary : either to erect a new and spacious building, or remodel and somewhat enlarge the present one. If the last suggestion should be adopted, and the stairways be removed from the front side to suitable towers or projections on the north-east and north-west corners of the building, all needed accommodation would be obtained, including, we think, at least two new school-rooms. The expense would not probably exceed \$7,000 or \$8,000. This would obviate the necessity of a new school building at the Vinton Street, for the present. The two Primary Schools have very fair accommodation as they now are. We simply submit the above for the candid and intelligent consideration of the Town.

FELLS.

At the Annual Meeting in March the sum of \$5,000 was voted to erect a school building in this growing section of our town. The following gentlemen were appointed Building Committee : John W. Farwell, John K. Robson, Royal P. Barry, Daniel Norton, and George H. Dearborn. It was hoped the building would be completed early in the autumn ; but the end of the year found it unfinished. However, this caused no serious embarrassment : the school

continues to occupy its pleasant room in the Chapel Building. It is just two years since this school was started. Miss Hannah Gibbons has been the kind and gentle teacher from the beginning. Commencing without previous experience, her skill and ability have been gradually increasing. The school is ungraded, embracing three or four different classes, and now numbers forty-nine pupils. We regret to note that the average attendance during the fall months has been extremely low. Why it was is not quite evident. Possibly it may have been the result of especial sickness, — possibly in part the faulty neglect of parents. It should be understood that no child, however bright, can ever become a good scholar who is permitted to be out of school a third or quarter part of the time.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Early in the summer, a communication was received from the State Board of Health, which was duly considered and placed on file. It was simply a printed copy of the recent State law in regard to contagious diseases among families where there are school children. For the more general information of parents, who are especially concerned, we deem it wise to insert in our present Report the law referred to. "The School Committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever; or during two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend a certificate from the attending physician, or Board of Health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission, in accordance with the above regulation." This law was passed by the Legislature, and approved by the Governor, April 29, 1885.

TEMPERATURE OF ROOMS.

A constant source of complaint during extreme cold weather is lack of sufficient heat in different school-rooms. These complaints frequently come from our latest and best constructed buildings. In some instances the fault is with defective or inadequate heating arrangements; in a few, because the building is old, or unwisely constructed; but, in many instances, we fear, the fault lies largely in the lack of proper attention, care, and vigilance of janitors. While, no doubt, they intend to be faithful and trustworthy, they may not always consider how much depends upon very early work in heating school-rooms on very cold mornings; the importance of having the fires built or replenished, while it may be necessary to carry a lantern in one hand and to stay by the furnace and school apartments, during the morning session, to give every proper attention, and to see that outside doors are kept constantly closed. In several instances, some of our schools have been dismissed soon after assembling in the morning, because the temperature was found to be less than 60 degrees. This makes a bad break in the school work. Possibly, if the fires had been built one hour earlier, some of those dismissals would have been avoided. The standard of heat in the Boston schools is 68 degrees. In our opinion it ought to be 70, permitting a variation of four or five degrees. Our teachers are now required to keep a record of the temperature of their rooms three times each day during the cold weather. The marking is to be near the beginning of the morning and afternoon sessions, and about eleven in the forenoon. These records are to be passed in to the Secretary at the end of each month. If there is great deficiency of heat at these hours in any room, the fault will be at once detected, and remedied if possible.

SCHOOL-COMMITTEE ROOM.

At a regular Board Meeting held on the 9th of June, it was unanimously voted :—

“That we extend to the Trustees of the Public Library the privilege of using the School-Committee Room for the purpose of a public reading-room until the Town meeting in March, 1886, or until another suitable room is provided by the Town for the Committee,— provided such use does not materially interfere with the meetings of this Board, and other necessary school-work.”

This privilege was cordially accepted by the Trustees. During the autumn they very beautifully fitted up the room for its additional use. About the first of December it was opened for the inspection of the general public. We see no reason at present why the room, as now fitted and arranged, may not be used for a double educational work till something better is provided. We heartily accord, however, with the suggestion, that immediate measures be taken looking towards the erection of a memorial building for the Grand Army Post. On the first floor of such a building should be ample accommodation for the Public Library and reading-room. We hope to see such an edifice soon built by the enterprising spirit of our town.

MORE SCHOOL-ROOM NEEDED.

During the fall the number of primary pupils at the Vinton Street School increased far beyond the capacity of the primary room. About forty-five could be comfortably seated; but there were between seventy and eighty pupils. There were no accommodations for these elsewhere. The Committee sought long to find a place to open a new school; but no suitable room could possibly be found. Then it was proposed to move the old Highland-Street School-house down near the vicinity, and fit it up for the temporary use of the overflow; but, after thorough examination of different streets, it was found this could not be done without cutting down many valuable shade-trees. The Committee had neither the disposition nor the right to do this. In the mean time there continued a strong demand for a new

school. Those primary pupils, divided into two classes, were receiving only half-day rations ; that is, half-day schooling. This would seriously retard their promotion, and keep them back during their whole school-life.

As a final resort, it was decided to take an unoccupied room, and a portion of the adjoining hall (a portion which had never been used), in the upper story of the High-School building, for the new room. Of course there were nearly the same objections to this as there were, or are, to the First-Grammar rooms on the opposite side of the separating partition. This room was fitted up during the vacation of Christmas week. Be it remembered that the Committee can avail themselves of such rooms and facilities only as the town furnishes. It might be well for those who make bitter complaints to bear this in mind. The School Board is not responsible for a poor, ill-constructed building, or the lack of a suitable room at the time such a room is pressingly needed. Its responsibility is great, but not in this direction. It is responsible for the kind of teachers employed, the amount of salaries paid, and the kind of work done in the school-rooms. The Committee is also required by State law to see that all children between the ages of five and fifteen have some place, and attend some school at least twenty weeks during each year ; also, by recent enactment, that every pupil be provided with free text-books and all other necessary supplies.

HIGHLANDS FRANKLIN SCHOOLS.

The new building continues to give excellent satisfaction. Three of the large rooms are occupied, leaving one to be soon filled by the rapid increase of pupils. At the close of the year Miss Mendum had forty-seven pupils ; Miss Mitchell, 51 ; and Miss Randlette, 59. Each of these teachers has exhibited commendable zeal, fidelity, and enterprise. During the last month of the year Miss Hattie Lane was employed to assist Miss Randlette in her over-

crowded work : her services, while very helpful, will not be needed for many weeks. The Franklin Schools have been highly favored. The following note will explain itself :—

APRIL 14, 1885.

Having secured, by voluntary subscription on the part of the citizens of the Highlands, a piano for the use of the Franklin Schools, to be retained by said schools, I hereby place the instrument in the care of the School Board of Melrose, upon the above-named conditions, with the understanding that this statement be placed upon record.—MRS. ADAMS.

The charge was freely accepted, and a vote of thanks extended to Mrs. Adams and to the individual donors.

GROVE-STREET SCHOOLS.

Miss Barrett, of the Third Grammar, has forty-eight pupils ; Mrs. Bascom, of the Fourth Grammar, forty-nine ; Miss Guptil, of the Intermediate, forty-six ; and Miss Henry, of the Primary, fifty-three,—or one hundred ninety-six in all. These teachers have all been long proved, and never found wanting. In regard to the Intermediate School, it has had the misfortune of three changes of teachers during the year. If it has been somewhat hard to manage, this may in part account for it.

UPHAM STREET.

This school is of a mixed grade, and numbers at the end of the year thirty-one pupils. Mrs. Maria Hood is the present teacher, and has had long and valuable experience as a teacher elsewhere.

VINTON-STREET SCHOOLS.

Miss Alice H. Long, of the Intermediate, has had forty-three pupils, and Mrs. Lucy F. Dermot, of the Primary, seventy-five pupils. During the fall months, the last school was divided into two portions,—one attending school in the morning, and the other in the afternoon. This was not satisfactory to teacher, parents, or pupils. Near the end of the year, a new school was organized, with Miss Ransom, of

Wakefield, for teacher. She occupied the lower room, and Mrs. Dermot the upper room; while Miss Long and her school were transferred to a room fitted up in the High-School building. We scarcely need add that Miss Long, with more than eight years of experience, and Mrs. Dermot, with perhaps nearly the same, rank with our best teachers.

LYNDE-STREET SCHOOLS.

Miss Sweetser, of the Intermediate, has forty-three pupils. She has been the successful teacher of this school some over three years. Miss Nye, of the Primary, has thirty pupils. She came from Hingham, and entered upon her work here the first of last September, with excellent recommendations.

SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

These have been concentrated at the High-School building, that they might be partially under the influence and supervision of the First Grammar School Principal. It was thought by doing this the pupils of both schools would be more equally fitted and qualified to enter upon their next grade of work. Miss Bisbee and Miss Swett, with many valuable years of experience, continue the wide-awake and vigorous teachers of these schools. They each have fifty-four pupils.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Miss Melcher, of the Third Grammar, has forty-eight pupils; Miss George, of the Fourth Grammar, forty-one; Miss Davis, of the Intermediate, forty-three; and Miss Donkin, of the Primary, sixty-two,—or one hundred and ninety-four in all. Each of these teachers has accomplished a faithful and praiseworthy work.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Miss Fairbanks happily continues the every-way efficient and highly prized Principal. Miss Bishop, who for three years was her valuable assistant, closed her school-

teaching at the end of the summer term. Miss Nellie H. Rogers, a teacher of marked ability, was elected her successor. She brought to her work valuable experience, refined culture, and warm enthusiasm. The fact that our First Grammar School is the end of education to a large number of our youth is a constant incentive to make it as thorough as possible. Whether it would be advisable to add another year to this grade, with some additional studies, is not as yet clearly manifest.

GRADUATES OF FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

June 26, 1885.

CHARLES H. ANDERSON.
WILLIAM N. W. BARTLETT.
HELEN L. BURR.
MARY A. BUTTRICK.
BERTHA M. CARRUTHERS.
MARY F. CASEY.
LILLIE A. CHANDLER.
CARRIE B. COLLINS.
FLORENCE A. A. CUSHING.
AMBROSE C. DEARBORN.
HELEN M. EASTMAN.
BERTHOLD H. EHLERT.
WILLIE C. GOSS.
HOWARD C. FISKE.
GEORGE HARRINGTON.
FREDERICK L. HOFFMAN.
GEORGE E. HURLEY.
ACTIVE HUNTLEY.
GEORGE H. KITCHING.
EMMA L. LEIGHTON.
LILLIE B. LITTLEFIELD.
MELDON A. MERRILL.
ALBERT H. MUNROE.

JOSHUA W. NEWHALL.
WALTER H. NORRIS.
OSCAR H. ORDWAY.
FRANK E. ORCUTT.
FRANK M. ORCUTT.
MARY A. ORTON.
EDWARD S. PAGE.
ARTHUR A. PATTEN.
HARRY C. PIERCE.
ALBERT G. PULSIFER.
HELEN M. PULSIFER.
JOE G. SNELL.
EDITH C. STEARNS.
LESTER THAYER.
HARRY L. TRIPP.
HARRY W. VINTON.
ALICE L. WHITE,
LENNIE A. WHITE.
GRACE C. WHITFORD.
JULIAN C. WOODMAN.
ANNIE M. WOODWARD.
GRACE N. WORTH.
GERTRUDE L. YOUNG.

ORDER OF SCHOOL EXERCISES.

February, 1886.

MONDAY, A. M.

Principal's Room.

1st half-hour, Spelling, Study.
 2d " 1st Division, Arithmetic.
 3d " 2d " Arithmetic.
 4th " 1st " Composition.
 5th " 2d " Composition.

Assistant's Room.

2d Division, Punctuation.
 1st " Punctuation.
 2d " Penmanship.
 1st " Penmanship.

P. M.

1st half-hour, Study, Music.
 2d " 2d Division, Reading.
 3d " Calisthenics, Study.
 4th " 1st Division, Reading.

1st Division, History.
 2d Division, History.

TUESDAY, A. M.

1st half-hour, Spelling, Study.
 2d " 1st Division, Arithmetic.
 3d " 2d " Arithmetic.
 4th " 1st " English Grammar.
 5th " 2d " English Grammar.

2d Division, Physiology.
 1st " Physiology.
 2d " Drawing.
 1st " Drawing.

P. M.

1st half-hour, Study, Music.
 2d " 2d Division, Reading.
 3d " Calisthenics, Study.
 4th " 1st Division, Reading.

1st Division, History.
 2d Division, History.

WEDNESDAY, A. M.

1st half-hour, Spelling, Study.
 2d " 1st Division, Arithmetic.
 3d " 2d " Arithmetic.
 4th " 1st " English Grammar.
 5th " 2d " English Grammar.

2d Division, Physiology.
 1st " Physiology.
 2d " Penmanship.
 1st " Penmanship.

P. M.

1st half-hour, Study, Music.
 2d " 2d Division, Reading.
 3d " Calisthenics, Study.
 4th " 1st Division, Reading.

1st Division, History.
 2d Division, History.

THURSDAY, A. M.

1st half-hour,	Study, 1st Div., Arit.	Study, 2d Division, Physiology.
2d "	2d Division, Arithmetic.	1st " Physiology.
3d "	1st " English Grammar.	2d " Drawing.
4th "	2d " English Grammar.	1st " Drawing.
5th "	Music.	

P. M.

1st half-hour,	Study.	
2d "	2d Division, Reading.	1st Division, History.
3d "	Study.	
4th "	1st Division, Reading.	2d Division, History.

FRIDAY, A. M.

1st half-hour,	Spelling, Study.	
2d "	1st Division, Arithmetic.	2d Division, History.
3d "	2d " Arithmetic.	1st " History.
4th "	1st " English Grammar.	2d " Penmanship.
5th "	2d " English Grammar.	1st " Penmanship.

P. M.

1st half-hour,	Music.
2d "	Declamation.
3d "	Calisthenics, Composition.
4th "	Composition.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Whitman, the Principal, has had unusual responsibility and watchful anxiety during the past year. Few persons unacquainted with the task of firmly controlling and inspiring a hundred pupils of mature age, so as to get the best possible work from each dull or indolent pupil, can realize the constant strain upon the mental and physical system. No wonder there have been times when his health has nearly broken down, and a week of rest and change seemed imperatively needed. The resignation of Miss Bugbee, just previous to the opening year, was no ordinary loss. She was a teacher of long experience, of perfect health, of strong intellect, and of thorough scholarship: all this fitted her to be, as she was, a presiding queen in the school-room. If the Principal was unavoidably absent for a few hours, the quiet order,

the good discipline, and the earnest work went on just the same. The resignation of Miss Bugbee was felt all the more, occurring, as it did, when Miss Clarke, the other valuable assistant, had gone home (as it soon proved) to die. After mature deliberation, the persons elected to fill the places of the above teachers were Miss Clarimond Mansfield and Miss Hattie Ricker, both of Melrose. Miss Mansfield was a graduate of our High School and of Boston University. She stood high as a scholar, especially in languages, and was remarkably winning in her deportment. Miss Ricker was a lady of fine culture, had taught for several years in connection with her father, who for some time was Principal of Fryeburg Academy, Maine.

The Committee fully believe that the election of these ladies to their important positions will prove more and more to have been a wise choice. A year's experience has already made them stronger as teachers, and better qualified for their work.

ORDER OF EXERCISES, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS,

Town Hall, Friday Evening, June 26th, 1885.

PART I.

CHORUS AND SOLO: "Now Tramp o'er Moss and Fell."	MISS COCHRANE.
SALUTATORY: "Employment" - - - -	MYRTIE J. BOWKER.
ESSAY: "Insects." - - - - -	EDMOND E. FERNALD.
CLASS PROPHECY. - - - - -	MILLIE T. DOWLING.
DECLAMATION: "Napoleon Bonaparte." - -	EDWARD L. CRAGIN.
RECITATION: "The Hero of the Tower." - -	MARY E. COCHRANE.
QUARTETTE: "The Whippoorwill's Song." - - - - -	
MASTERS HUNT AND CLEVELAND. MISSES CASS AND BOWKER.	
RECITATION: "Mother and Poet." - - -	GERTRUDE M. GOSS.
ESSAY: "Memorial Edifices." - - - -	LIZZIE F. STRATTON.
ESSAY: "Character." - - - - -	MARY M. DEMPSEY.
DECLAMATION: "Toussaint L'Ouverture." -	FRANKLIN C. ALBEE.

PART II.

ESSAY: "The High after the Grammar School." -	GARDNER I. JONES.
ESSAY: "Sources of History." - - -	NELLIE OSGOOD FRENCH.
CHORUS AND QUARTETTE: "In Mercy Remember." - - - -	
MASTERS CLEVELAND AND BEALE. MISSES BOWKER AND CASS.	
ESSAY: "Improvement of our Time." - - -	SARAH W. DEMPSEY.
ESSAY: "Lives of Great Men." - - - -	LEWIS H. KUNHARDT.
ESSAY: "Little Things." - - - - -	M. LIZZIE BOWKER.
ESSAY: "English Literature." - - - - -	MINNIE W. CASS.
ESSAY: "American Immigration." - - - -	HARRY H. HUNT.
VALEDICTORY: "Monopoly." - - - -	WILBUR F. BEALE.
CLASS SONG: "Good-Morrow."	

AWARDING DIPLOMAS.

Prizes for 1885.

FRANKLIN FRATERNITY.

The following scholars were selected to compete for the mathematical prizes : —

WILBUR F. BEALE.

HARRY H. HUNT.

GARDNER I. JONES.

MARION K. NORRIS.

CARRIE D. VINTON.

GEORGE H. HARDY.

ARTHUR L. JACOBS.

DAVID ROSS LECRAW.

WM. H. WOODMAN.

CALLIE H. HAYWARD.

EDWARD T. BLANCHARD.

EDWARD H. CROSBY.

HATTIE P. FIELD.

HELEN I. GORDON.

BLANCHE S. JACOBS.

ALBERT M. FRENCH.

EDWARD P. T. PHILLIPS.

MATHEMATICAL.

Prizes were awarded as follows : —

For excellence in Geometry,

To ARTHUR L. JACOBS.

For excellence in Algebra,

To EDWIN H. CROSBY.

The following subjects were selected by the Franklin Fraternity for prizes in English Literature and Composition.

SNOWBOUND.

1. A New England winter as pictured by Whittier.
2. What are the literary merits of Snowbound ?
3. What are the peculiarities of Whittier's style ?

MERCHANT OF VENICE.

1. The History of the Play and the Sources of the Plot.
2. Wherein is the genius of Shakespeare manifested in this play ?
3. What are the dramatic excellences of the play ?
4. The character of Shylock, the character of Antonio, or the character of Portia.

Literary prizes were awarded :—

First, to MILLIE T. DOWLING.

Second, to M. LIZZIE BOWKER.

Third, to ALMA L. FIELD.

Committee of Award, { MESSRS. THOMAS B. PECK.
SIDNEY BUTTRICK.
CHARLES C. BARRY.

A prize of \$5 for excellence in Natural History, offered by MR. J. O. NORRIS, was awarded to EDMOND E. FERNALD; an additional prize of \$3, offered by A. G. WHITMAN, was awarded to GEO. E. FERN.

A prize in English Composition, by Rev. A. G. BALE, was awarded to MINNIE W. CASS and ALFRED D. WOODMAN.

MUSIC.

The matter of having the first principles of Music thoroughly taught in our public schools is one of increasing importance. It is now generally conceded that all children are capable of acquiring, to a greater or less degree of proficiency, a practical knowledge of musical science. The question is, How shall this science be taught? What method shall be employed? Of recent date a large number of cities and towns, especially in the Western part of our country, have adopted what is called the "Tonic-Sol-Fa" system. At several meetings of our Board this system was thoroughly discussed. Mr. Whiting, who had been the music teacher of our public schools for six consecutive years under the old method, owing to increasing defectiveness of hearing, failed to be re-elected. At the same time he received a hearty vote of thanks for his past energetic and faithful services. The way was thus opened for a practical experiment. Prof. Henry Benson, of Boston, a teacher of the "Tonic-Sol-Fa" system in the Chauncy-Hall School, was invited to take a class of our children, and give an exhibit, both of his skill and method, before the School Board. As a final result, he was elected music teacher. So far we believe there has been good satisfaction.

DISCIPLINE.

One of the first requisites of a good school is good discipline. This must be had, not by measures of undue severity, but by a careful system of order, kindly and firmly enforced. As a whole, we think our schools have been remarkably well governed. A few teachers have found it necessary, in extreme cases, to resort to the old remedy of corporal punishment. These cases have been immediately reported to the Chairman.

SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

Our report will not be deemed complete without some reference to this annual topic. We think, however, the subject has been so ably treated, in the several valuable articles which have recently appeared in our local paper, that nothing further need be said. We may briefly add, however, that at the earliest moment the Town may deem it wise to employ an able and competent Superintendent the School Board will cordially and unitedly give its support and influence. We shall wait with deep interest to see the final action of our State Legislature upon the recommendation of our Governor in regard to School Supervision. In the mean time, under our present system, a more just and liberal compensation would ensure a more careful and adequate work on the part of the Committee. There is so great an increase in the number of our schools and school buildings, entailing a corresponding increase of work, care, and oversight, that what was a fair compensation ten years ago may be regarded now in a very different light.

CLIFTON FLETCHER,

Chairman.

APPENDIX.

CORPS OF TEACHERS.

NAMES.	SCHOOLS.	DATE OF ELECTION.	SALARIES.
A. G. Whitman	High, Principal.....	November, 1874.....	\$1,700
Clarimond Mansfield.....	High, First Assistant.....	December, 1884.....	600
Hattie Ricker.....	High, Second Assistant.....	January, 1884.....	550
Harriett C. Fairbanks.....	First Grammar, Principal...	November, 1880.....	800
Nellie H. Rogers.....	First Grammar, Assistant...	June, 1885.....	500
Lucy W. Bisbee.....	Sec. Gram.No.1,Emerson St.	May, 1867.....	550
Alice Maud Swett.....	Sec. Gram.No.2,Emerson St.	December, 1882.....	550
Susan D. Melcher.....	Third Gram., Centre School.	May, 1873.....	550
Helen J. Barrett.....	ThirdjGram., Grove St.....	December, 1882.....	550
Lydia Mendum.....	Third and Fourth Grammar, Franklin School.....	November, 1874.....	525
Mary J. George.....	Fourth Gram., Cent. School.	May, 1880.....	500
Kate W. Bascom.....	Fourth Grammar, Grove St.	September, 1878....	500
Maria P. Hood.....	Upham Street (mixed).....	December, 1885....	450
Alma J. Guptil.....	Intermediate, Grove St.....	December, 1884.....	450
Alice H. Long.....	Intermediate, Vinton St....	September, 1877....	500
Effie C. Sweetser.....	Intermediate, Lynde St....	September, 1882....	450
Lillie J. Davis.....	Intermediate, Franklin St...	September, 1884....	450
Belle Mitchell.....	Intermediate, Franklin St...	September, 1883....	450
Ella M. Donklin.....	Primary, Centre School....	April, 1885.....	450
Lucy F. Dermot.....	Primary, Vinton St.....	April, 1880.....	500
M. E. Nye.....	Primary, Lynde St.....	August, 1885.....	450
Emma L. Randlette.....	Primary, Franklin St.....	September, 1884....	450
Hattie Lane.....	Primary, Franklin St., Ass't.	December, 1885.....	200
Hannah Gibbons.....	Converse, Fells (mixed)....	December, 1883....	450
Henry Benson.....	Music Teacher.....	June, 1885.....	350

JANITORS.

		Salaries.
High School Building,	Frank McLaughlin	\$300
Centre School “	Charles T. Stevens	175
Franklin School “	Charles H. Fuller	150
Grove Street “	Charles F. Valentine	175
Lynde Street “	Wm. F. Serratt	100
Vinton Street “	Anthony A. Rich	100
Upham Street “	Eri Upham	60
Fells School “	Joseph Emerson.	60
		\$1,110

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Frank McLaughlin.	Charles T. Stevens.	Charles H. Fuller.
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Table of Statistics for the Year ending December 31, 1885.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum number from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average attendance during same time.	Maximum number from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.	Average attendance during same time.	Number of Pupils, Jan. 1, 1886.	Per cent. of attendance for the year.	Average age Dec. 31, 1885.	
							Yrs.	Mos.
HIGH, First Class.....	17	16.7	17	16.4	16	96.4	17	8
Second Class.....	9	8.7	20	19.	18	95.3	16	11
Third Class.....	36	34.4	31	30.	30	96.1	15	10
Fourth Class.....	40	38.5	46	44.7	44	96.6	14	11
Totals.....	102	93.3	114	110.1	108	96.1	15	10
First Grammar.....	72	65.3	84	77.4	80	94.	14	9
2d " No. 1.....	45	41.5	55	49.5	54	93.4	13	9
2d " No. 2.....	50	43.	54	50.5	54	94.	13	6
3d " Centre, No. 1	49	45.6	52	47.4	48	95.4	12	4
3d " Grove St., No. 2	49	40.9	54	46.3	48	92.7	12	5
3d, 4th " Mixed, Franklin	60	46.	50	42.2	47	91.9	12	2
4th " Grove St., No. 1	49	42.4	50	44.	49	94.	11	4
4th " Centre, No. 2	43	37.	42	40.	41	95.5	10	4
Intermediate, Lynde St....	39	30.9	36	28.7	36	91.4	9	4
" Grove Street.	43	32.4	51	40.4	46	85.9	9	4
" Centre.....	42	38.2	43	37.1	43	88.5	9	5
" Vinton St....	43	39.5	41	34.3	36	94.7	9	6
" Franklin St.	45	35.7	53	44.7	51	90.5	9	4
Primary, Centre.....	59	45.2	62	50.6	62	89.7	7	1
" Grove Street.....	57	47.5	57	45.2	53	89.9	6	6
" Vinton Street....	67	52.	75	66.	73	89.5	6	9
" Lynde Street....	31	28.	32	22.	30	91.	7	4
" Franklin St.....	51	35.	67	56.5	59	91.5	7	0
Mixed, Upham Street.....	39	25.1	33	27.5	31	83.5	8	2
" Fells.....	49	32.5	56	35.4	49	85.	9	1
Aggregate.....	982		1161		1098			

SCHOOL AGENCY.

We take pleasure in presenting the very clear and concise Report of Mrs. A. K. Miller, the careful buyer and dispenser of all our School Supplies. It will be of interest to all.

AGENT'S REPORT.

The following report of all School Supplies received, issued, and on hand, from Jan. 1st, 1885, to Jan. 1st, 1886, is respectfully submitted :—

Dr.

Value of Text-Books in stock, for High School, Jan. 1st, 1885	\$39 18
Text-Books purchased for High School from Jan. 1st, to Dec. 31st, 1885	398 72
Other Supplies purchased, including Drawing and Blank Books, Chemicals, Stationery, &c.	114 69
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	\$552 59
Value of Text-Books in stock for Grammar and other schools, Jan. 1, 1885	100 99
Text-Books purchased for Grammar and other schools,	657 75
Supplies other than Text-Books on hand Jan. 1st, 1885	184 58
Supplies purchased, including Drawing, Writing, and Blank Books, Slates, Maps, Stationery, &c.	503 79
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Total to be accounted for	\$1,999 70

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Value of Text-Books issued to High School from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1885	\$393 99
Other Supplies issued	114 69
Value of Text-Books in stock Jan. 1st, 1886	43 91
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	\$552 59
Value of Text-Books issued to Grammar and other schools	686 45
Other Supplies issued	544 76
Value of Text-Books in stock Jan. 1st, 1886	72 29
Value of other Supplies in stock Jan. 1st, 1886	143 61
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	\$1,999 70

Value of all Supplies in stock Jan. 1st, 1886 . . .	\$259 81
Total expenditure	\$1,739 89
Received for Books injured or lost, . . .	\$4 78
Paid Town Treasurer	4 78

A. K. MILLER.

By request of the School Board, I have examined the books and accounts of Mrs. A. K. Miller, our Agent for School Supplies, and find the accounts correct, and the books kept in a methodical manner. — T. W. RIPLEY.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	COMMITTEE.
High	Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Fletcher.
First-Grammar	" Adams, " Fletcher.
Second & Third Grammar, Emerson St.	" Miller, " Ripley.
Schools of Centre Building . . .	" Miller, " Winchell.
" " Grove St.	" Bradbury, " Fletcher.
" " Franklin	" Adams, " Ripley.
" " Lynde St.	" Bradbury, " Winchell.
" " Vinton St.	" Adams, " Ripley.
Converse School	" Bradbury, " Winchell.
Upham St. School	Mr. Fletcher, " Winchell.

Supply-day for schools, every day during first week of fall term, at 11 A. M., and each Tuesday during the rest of the school year.

Regular meeting of School Board, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 4.30 P. M.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

We believe it will interest many citizens to have put on record the following information in regard to the school property of Melrose. We regret we have not been able to make it as complete as we desire :—

The High School-house was built in 1868-9, at a cost of \$23,500. The lot of land, containing 30,000 feet, was bought of D. L. and J. G. Webster for \$4,000 ; land and building, \$27,500. The Building Committee were Rufus Smith, C. W. Isburg, D. W. Gooch, W. P. Sargent, Walter Babb, Geo. A. Mansfield, and Geo. Newhall. The architect was G. F. Meacham, and the builder C. M. Currier.

The Centre School-house was built, in 1874, on the spot where a former one had recently been burned, on which was fortunately an insurance of \$3,000. The new building cost \$10,000. The committee were Geo. A. Mansfield, H. I. Ellis, and J. O. Norris. The builder was Joel Atwood, and the architect a Mr. Stevens of Wakefield. The lot of land contains 21,000 feet, and was bought, in 1829, of William Dix for the sum of \$50.

The Grove-Street School-house was built in 1883 on the corner of Grove and Myrtle Streets, and cost \$8,500. The lot contains 26,361 feet, was bought of Mr. John Rounds for about five cents a foot. The land and grading cost \$2,270; building, land, and grading, \$10,770. The Building Committee were Daniel Norton, John O. Norris, Julius S. Clark, W. Irving Ellis, and Dexter Pratt. The architect was Rev. Albert Bale, and the builder Mr. Eugene Upham.

The Franklin School-house, on Franklin Street, was built in 1884, and cost \$8,200. The lot of land, containing 15,000 feet, was bought of Dexter Pratt, at five cents a foot, amounting to \$750; grading and blinds, about \$250: total cost, \$9,200. The Building Committee were Joel Snow, Rufus A. White, W. Irving Ellis, and T. W. Ripley. The architect was Jos. Eastman, and the builders Ellenwood and McDonald.

The Converse School-house was built in 1885, and cost \$5,000. The lot contains 21,117 feet, and was given by the Boston Rubber Company. Probably an extra appropriation will be required to properly grade the grounds. The Building Committee were J. W. Farwell, Royal P. Barry, J. K. Robson, G. H. Dearborn, and Daniel Norton; the builders, Ingalls Brothers; and the architect, A. W. Rodman.

The Green, Lynde, and Vinton School buildings were erected in 1853, and the lower rooms finished the same year. They are all of the same pattern, size, and construction, and cost, when fully completed, about \$1,600 each.

The lot of land for the Green-Street house contains one-half acre of land, and was bought of Rev. J. C. Ingalls for

\$500. The lot of land for the Vinton-Street house contains 11,420 feet, and was bought of James Martin for \$571. The lot of land for the Lynde-Street house contains, we presume, about 12,000 feet, and probably cost not far from \$500.

The Upham-Street School-house was built in 1855. We do not know its cost. The lot of land, some less than one-half acre, was bought of Mr. Heckle for \$187.50. The old Highland School-house, about the same size as the last, was built about the same time, at about the same cost.

BOUNDARIES.

The High School and First and Second Grammar grades, being all in one building, receive pupils from all parts of the town.

For the Primary and Intermediate grades, the Highland district includes all north of Judge Sewall's estate, Crystal Lake, Short Street, and Porter Street. Pupils living on Main Street south of Melrose or Short Streets are included in the Centre-School district.

The Upham-School district is bounded north by Porter Street, west by Bellevue Ave., Fourth Street, and Sixth Street, to Swain's Pond.

The Lynde-School district is bounded by Dell Ave. from Grove Street to First Street; thence east to Fourth Street, south to Grove, east to Sixth, west to Main, and south to the Fells district.

The Grove-School district lies between the railroad on the west and Main Street on the east, as far north as Foster Street; thence west to Myrtle, north to Vine, west to the railroad, and south to Fells district.

The Centre-School district is bounded on the south and west by the Lynde-School district and the Grove-School district, extending from Vine Street north, along the railroad, to the Highland district. It is bounded on the north by the Highland district, and east by the Upham-School district.

The Vinton-School district includes all that section of the town west of the railroad, south of the Highlands, and north of the Fells.

The Fells-School district includes all south of the Medford line and Sylvan Street.

The Third and Fourth Grammar grades at the Highlands have the same boundaries as the Primary and Intermediate grades of the same district. Those at the Centre School include the Upham and Centre Primary districts, and on the west side of the track all north of Emerson Street to the Highlands.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

ORGANIZATION.

1. The Committee shall meet for organization on the first Tuesday following the Town Meeting in March.

2. At the first meeting of the Board, a Chairman and a Secretary shall be chosen by ballot.

3. The Chairman elected shall nominate, for election by the Board, at the meeting for organization each year, committees of three members each, as follows: a High-School Committee, three District Committees (one for each of the three districts), a Committee on Text-books and Course of Study, and a Committee on Accounts.

4. The first-named member of each Committee shall be its Chairman.

5. The High-School Committee shall consist of one member from each of the District Committees.

6. The districts shall be named and bounded as follows:

(a) *The Wyoming District*, including the territory south of Upham, Foster (west), Vine, and Emerson Streets, as specified in the schedule of boundaries for Grammar Schools.

(b) *The Centre District*, including the centre portion of the town, described as belonging to the Centre School, in the schedule of boundaries for Grammar grades. (c) *The Highland District*, as described in the schedule of boundaries for the Franklin School.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

7. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, excepting July and August.

8. The Chairman shall call a special meeting of the Board whenever he may deem it necessary, or at the request of any two members.

9. The Secretary shall give notice, to the members elected at the annual Town-Meeting, of the time of meeting for reorganization.

DUTIES OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

10. The three District Committees shall have the immediate direction of the schools in their respective districts, and shall visit them as often as practicable. It shall be their duty to give advice to the teachers of their respective schools relative to discipline and other subjects requiring counsel; and, in case of any difficulty between the teachers and the parents or guardian of the pupils, they shall settle the same in such manner as the merits of the case may seem to require; not denying any parent, guardian, or teacher an appeal to the whole Board. When the office of teacher in any school shall become vacant, they shall, as soon as possible, fill such vacancy temporarily, and report their doings to the whole Board at its next meeting, for its approval.

11. The Text-book Committee shall recommend to the Board such books as they may think necessary for the schools; and no book shall be adopted by the Board, to be used as a text-book in the schools, unless the same shall previously have been reported on by this Committee.

12. The Committee on Accounts shall examine all bills authorized by the Board, and report the same to the Board for final action. They shall also present to the Board, at or before the first meeting in February, annually, an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the next fiscal year.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

13 At the appointed hour the Chairman shall call the meeting to order, and cause the record of attendance to be taken. In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary shall preside until a Chairman *pro tempore* shall have been elected. Business shall proceed in the following order:—

1. Reading the Minutes of last meeting.
2. Unfinished Business of preceding meeting.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Miscellaneous business. (Under this head the allowance of bills shall be first attended to.)

APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS.

14. Teachers shall be appointed and their salaries voted annually at the first meeting in June; the school year beginning the first Monday in September.

15. Teachers shall be paid monthly during the school year.

TIME FOR SCHOOL SESSIONS.

16. The school-year shall consist of forty weeks, beginning the first Monday in September.

17. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted: Every Saturday, New Year's Day, June 17th, and all legal holidays, and no other day unless by written permission of the Chairman of the School Committee.

Vacations. The week following Christmas; the Friday after Thanksgiving; one week, including the 22d of February; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April; from close of summer term to first Monday in September.

18. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8 o'clock A. M., and close at 1 o'clock P. M.; except during the months of October, November, December, January, and February, when it shall begin at 8.30 A. M. and close at 1.30 P. M. There shall be two recesses,—one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A. M. until 12 M., with a recess of twenty minutes (except in the Grammar grades at the High-School building), and from 2 P. M. until 4 P. M. The Grammar grades at the High-School building shall have no recess in the forenoon, and the session shall close at 11.40 A. M. The afternoon session shall begin at 1.40, and close at 3.40, during November, December, and January. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee.

19. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit the

forenoon or afternoon session, the bell will be rung half an hour before the opening, for the High School and lower grades, separately.

DUTIES OF TEACHERS.

20. The school-house and outbuildings, with their keys, furniture, grounds, and all other property belonging to the school, shall be in charge of the Principal, who will be held responsible for their preservation.

21. Teachers shall be in their school-rooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

22. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

23. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But, for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruction, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one-half day each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools. Substitutes will receive from the teachers for whom they substitute five-sevenths of their salary.

24. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

25. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session, nor more than thirty minutes after the close of the afternoon session, in schools below the grammar grade.

26. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority; informing the parent or guardian, and the Committee, at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

27. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof

to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

28. The Principal shall establish such rules as may be necessary to secure good order and neatness in the school-house and on the grounds, and the preservation of the furniture, books, and apparatus in the school-rooms.

29. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee, every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

30. When a pupil does not attain the required per cent. for promotion, by reason of sickness, unavoidable absence, or other causes requiring consideration, the circumstances will be reported by the teacher, to be passed upon by the Committee.

31. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their school-rooms.

32. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any school-buildings, furniture, or grounds, or purchase any article to be charged to the Town.

DUTIES OF PUPILS.

33. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

34. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satisfactory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been vaccinated; and no pupil will be admitted

*Revised Statutes.

to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

35. No pupil will be allowed to attend school while any member of their household is sick with small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks from the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person.

36. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

37. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee, who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

38. No deviation from the course of study prescribed by the Committee shall be permitted, and no pupil shall be advanced or put back in grade, without the consent of the Committee.

39. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring school-houses, school furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

40. Pupils are not allowed in school-yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays; are not allowed in other school-yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school-yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

41. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools, without the consent of the Committee.

42. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

DUTIES OF JANITORS.

43. The duties of the several janitors shall be to *sweep and dust each school-room and entry twice every week*; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary; wash the blackboards each week; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter; yards, free from tall grass, weeds, and litter; close gates when schools are not in session; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practise rigid economy in its use; have a general oversight of the buildings in their care, keep rooms properly warmed, and see that doors and windows are locked at night and during vacation. No extra pay for any of the above services.

44. Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school-buildings, furniture, or grounds; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the Town, unless authorized by the Committee.

DUTIES OF THE SUPPLY AGENT.

45. The Supply Agent shall be at the Committee rooms each day of the first week of Fall Term, and each Tuesday during term time throughout the year, from 11 to 12 M.

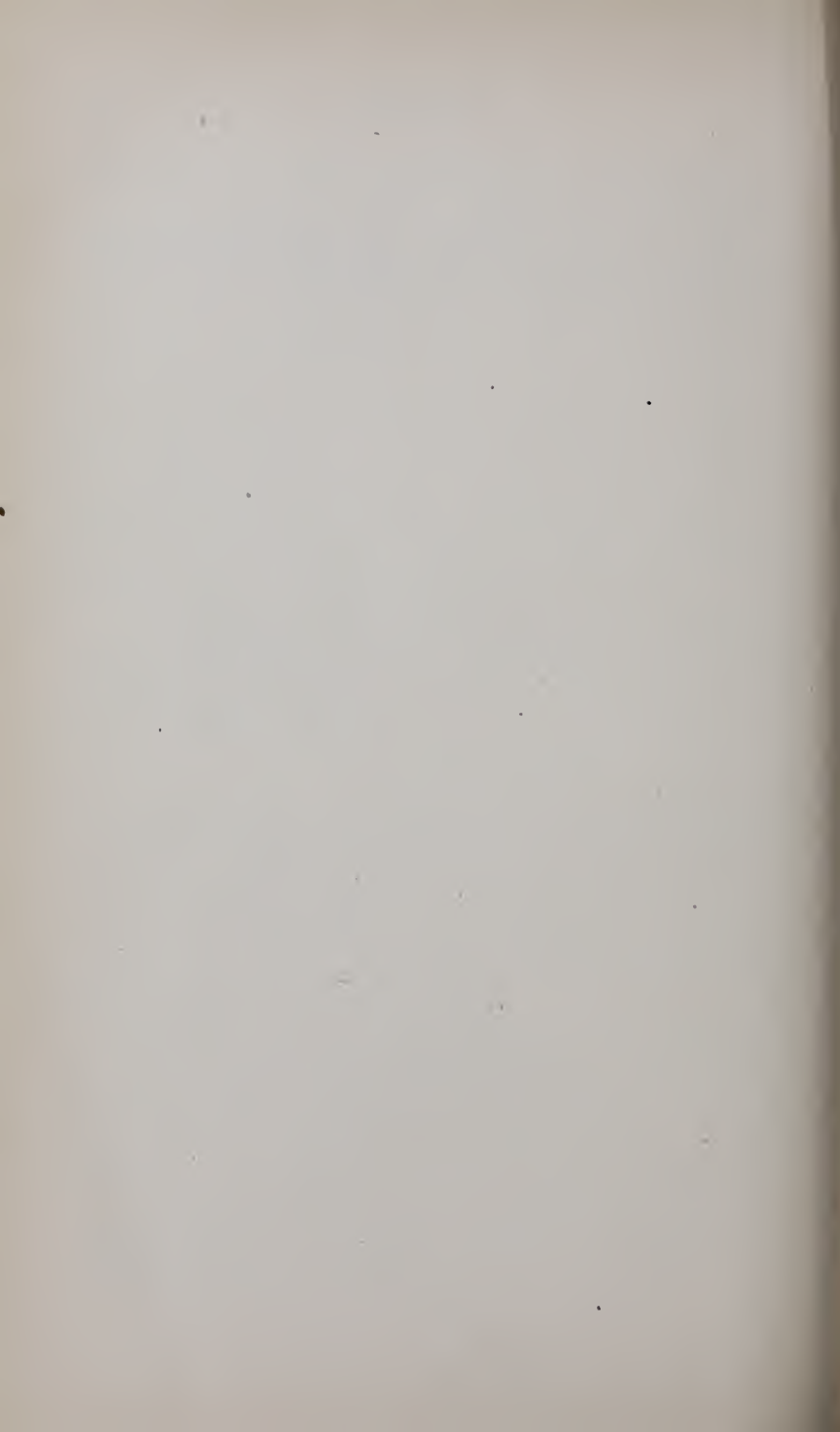
46 The Agent's duties are: To keep a correct account of books and supplies received, issued, and on hand, and to have such account open at all times to the inspection and for the information of the Committee.

In January and June of each year, to make a thorough inspection of the books in hands of pupils of the several schools, in order to promote the care of the same; to advise with teachers on the subject, and report whatever may be necessary to the Committee for their action or information.

To adjudge damage in case of gross carelessness or wanton destruction of books, to the end that parents shall make restitution in such cases.

To perform such other duties as from time to time the Board may find necessary.

47. No books or supplies shall be furnished to teachers or janitors, except upon written requisition from them made upon blanks furnished by the Committee.



WARRANT

FOR

TOWN MEETING,

MARCH 1, 1886.

WARRANT.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in
the County of Middlesex :* *GREETING.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of MELROSE, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL on MONDAY, the FIRST day of MARCH, A. D. 1886, at 7 o'clock, A. M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, three Auditors, two School Committee for three years, and Constables. Upon a separate ballot to bring in their votes in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be "Yes" or "No."
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To hear and act upon the report of the Finance Committee appointed at meeting held Nov. 10, 1885.
6. To raise money for Schools.
7. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
8. To raise money for Highways.
9. To raise money for Sidewalks.
10. To raise money for Crossings and Gutters.
11. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
12. To raise money for the Fire Department.
13. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps.

14. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.
15. To raise money for Police and Watchmen.
16. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
17. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
18. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
19. To raise money for the Public Library.
20. To raise money for Water, viz: to pay cost of constructing works for the past year, and for the use of the water, in hydrants, public buildings, etc.
21. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.
22. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges, and Culverts.
23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.
24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.
25. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of school accommodations.
26. To see if the Town will build a schoolhouse on the west side of the B. & M. R. R., on or near Vinton Street, and raise or appropriate money for the same.
27. To see if the Town will build a schoolhouse near Swain's Pond and raise or appropriate money for the same.
28. To see if the Town will raise or appropriate money for the purpose of furnishing apartments for Post 4, G. A. R., in the Town Hall building, in accordance with resolve adopted Nov. 10, 1885.
29. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed to consider the enlarging of the Town Hall stage, improving the ventilation of the building, etc., and raise or appropriate money for the same.
30. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed to revise the Water Rates.
31. To see if the Town will purchase of Rufus Leavitt a piece of land at the junction of Wyoming Avenue and Hurd Street, paying therefor a sum equivalent to the cost of concreting a sidewalk on Hurd Street opposite estate of Mr. Leavitt, and appropriate thirty-five dollars for the same.

32. To see if the town will widen the culverts of Ell pond brook, where Main, Grove and Berwick streets cross the same, to a width which will carry off the water which accumulates during floods, agreeable to petition of J. Geist and nineteen others.

33. To see if the Town will grant to H. C. Richardson, for the purpose of watering the streets, the use of the stand pipes without charge, agreeable to petition of C. G. Harris and ten others.

34. To see if the Town will properly repair and grade Prospect Street and appropriate three hundred dollars for same, on petition of Wm. F. Conant and ten others.

35. To see if the Town will amend Section 10, Article 4 of the By-Laws, so that the words "*opened in*" shall be stricken out and the words "*reported to or accepted by*" be inserted in place thereof.

36. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to confer with committees of other towns and cities, regarding the report now before the Legislature on a system of sewerage for the Mystic Valley basin.

37. To see if the Town will grade and drain Perkins Street and appropriate money for the same.

38. To see if the Town will discontinue, widen or alter that portion of Cedar Park which runs parallel with the B. & M. R. R. or any part thereof.

39. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, and at the Depots, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

LEVI S. GOULD,	} Selectmen	
H. G. FIELDS,		of
JOHN K. CURRIER,		Melrose.

A true Copy. Attest,

ANSEL B. PIERCE, Constable.